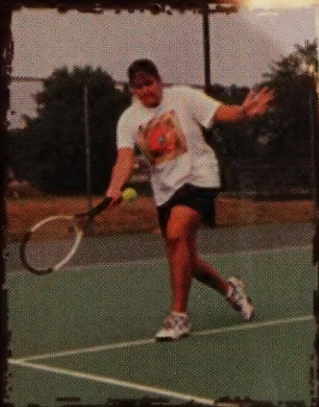


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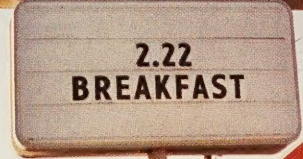
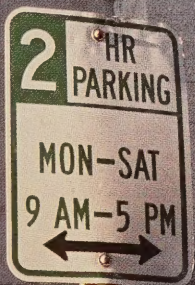
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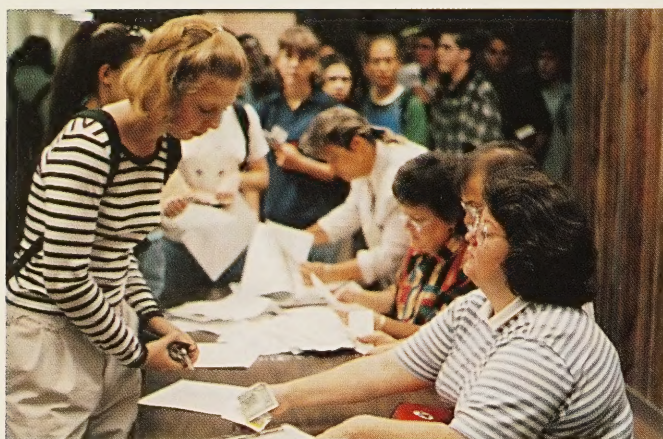
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## Memories in the Making

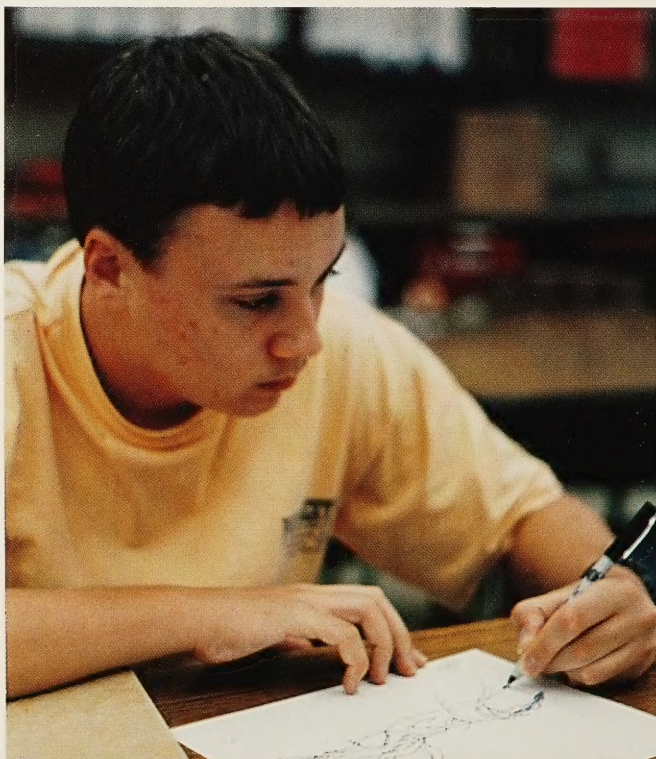


**Just Sign On The Dotted Line...** Firmly gripping the pen, Kim Murphy signs a form that allows her to get a parking permit. Parking permits were privileges of juniors and seniors which allowed them to park in the school parking lot. Some juniors arrived as early as 6 AM to snatch up the permits left after the seniors had gotten first priority. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

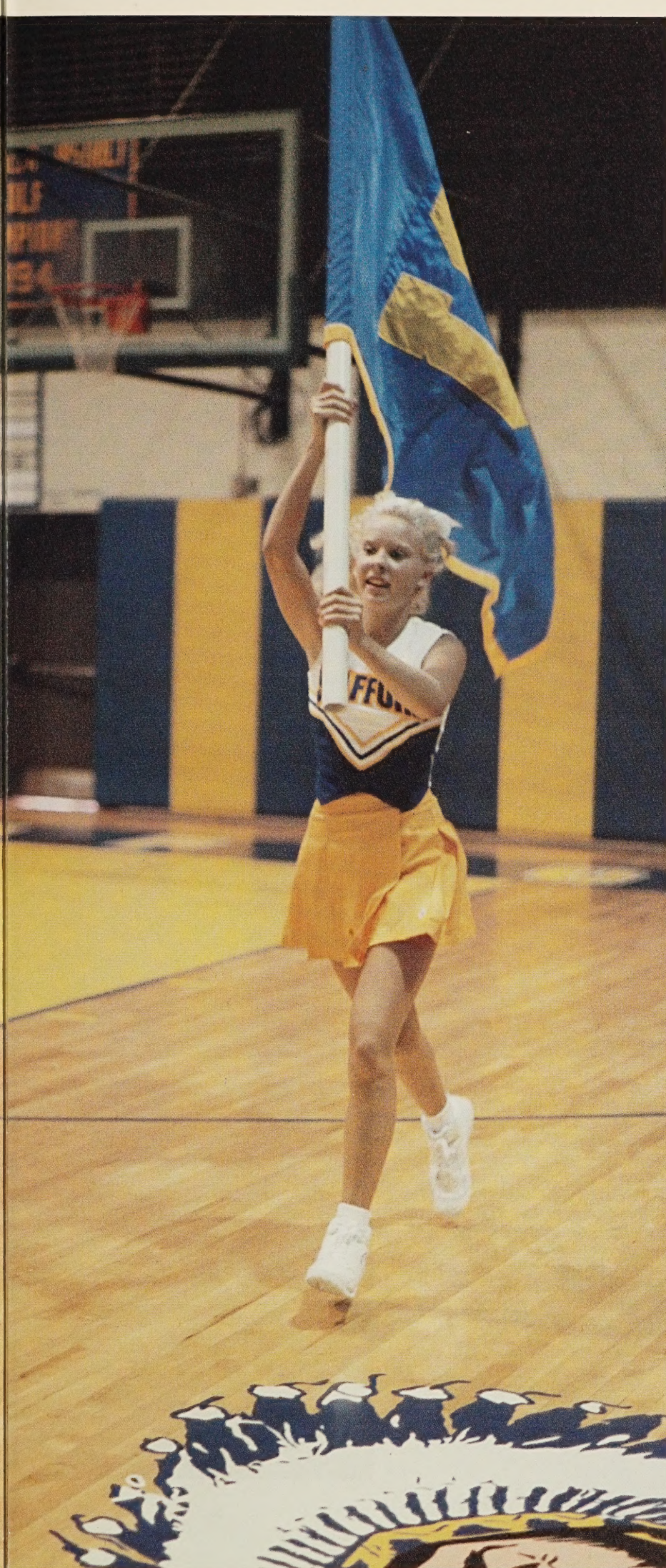
**What A Masterpiece** Working hard on an art project, Tommy Wilson uses the contour line technique he learned in class. Art was often based on trial and error, with students experimenting with different methods to see which suited them the best. The teachers tried to show students that there was more to art than just drawing and painting. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

The thrill of scoring the winning goal in a championship game, the agony of grueling over the books, the sadness of saying good-bye to friends as you go your separate ways; sometimes life can pass by so quickly that it's hard to slow down and enjoy these moments. When looking back the memories tend to become a blur of laughs and tears. The good times that have passed aren't easily forgotten by those who experienced them. Senior Justin Sterne said, "No matter what road I should take or what places I should go I will know that these years were the best years of my life."

Seniors were often the most excited about the prospect of moving on with their life, whether it be to college or work. Yet they still wanted to be able to hang on to a piece of the past which would remind them of their times in high school. "I'm looking forward to leaving school so I can enter the work force as a car fuel intake specialist," joked Todd Coates. Jonathan Catalano said, "I may move on to college, but I hope I will never forget the friends I made here."







**Get Pumped Up!** Running onto the court, Darragh Copley carries the "S" flag during a pep rally. The cheerleaders played an important role in promoting school spirit at the pep rallies. The cheerleader were able to go to NCA Cheerleading Camp, where they won numerous awards. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Just Keep Truckin'** Leading the pack, Christie Doubel attempts to make a name for herself in cross country. The girls began their vigorous training in the sweltering heat of August and didn't let up until the end of the season. This hard work paid off as the girls claimed the district title for the second straight year. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Van Gogh?** Demonstrating to her students the proper way to use pastels, Rane Fetherman and Amber Flippo look on as Rachel Sigler goes to work. These students were a part of Mrs. Sigler's small, but extremely talented Art 5 class. Students who reached this level were often very serious about their work, and considering careers in the arts. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



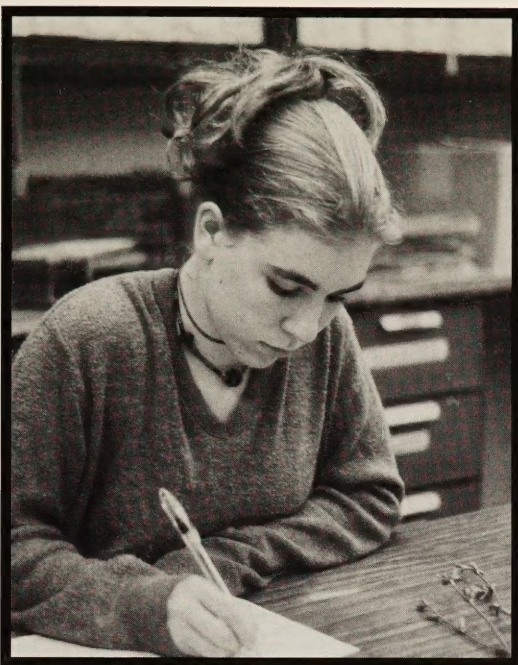


**Fooled You!** Tricking the opposing team, quarterback Jay Smitz fakes a hand off, but holds the ball for the pass as Randy Kleisr blocks for him. The football team suffered a great loss with the retirement of Coach John Kraus. Players, such as Smitz, realized the program would never be the same without him. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

**Come Back Here!** Chasing down an opposing player, varsity field hockey player Bonnie Combs goes for the steal. The field hockey had an extremely successful season in which they won both the district and regional titles. This marked the end of Pat Wheelbarger's seven year career as a field hockey coach as she retired at the end of the season. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



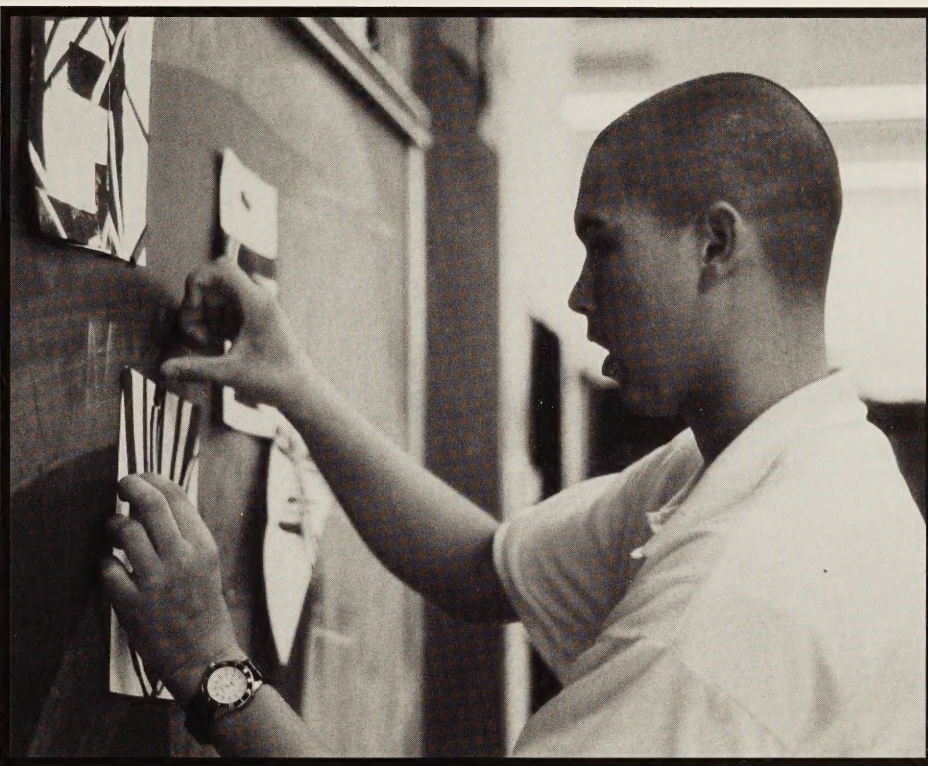




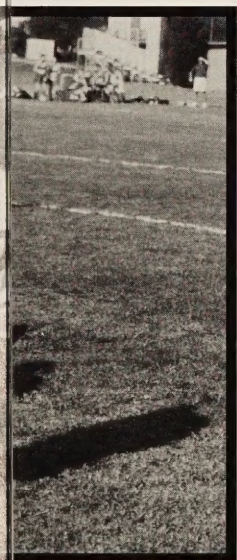
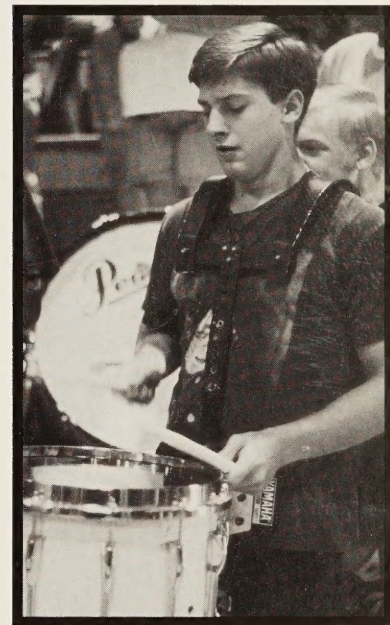
### Why Am I Drawing This?

During Art II class Jennifer Menzes draws a dried twig. The exercise may have seemed basic, but it helped students to improve their basic skills. The art teachers knew that the key to producing great artists was through such simple drills. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Take A Look At This** Hanging his artwork on the board with magnets, Jacob Gadd prepares to have his work judged by the class. Class critiques were important for students to learn from their mistakes. Jacob was in Art 1 so this type of learning was new to him. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

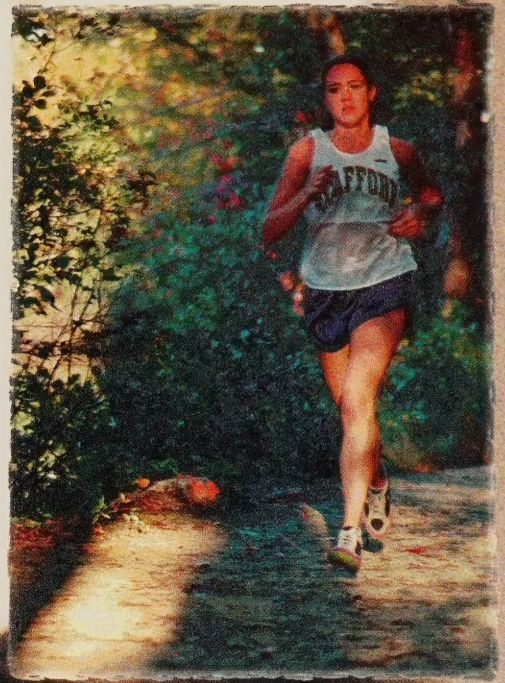


**Little Drummer Boy** Concentrating on the beat, marching band member Jared Newton beats on his drum at a pep rally. The marching band provided entertainment at the football games at halftime along with the color guard. Although they were often overlooked, they had to practice every day like the sports teams to perfect their performance. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Everyone has a favorite memory from their high school career, be it good or bad. "My best memories were always with my sports and my teammates, who I love more than anything," said Elizabeth Campbell. Katie Jacoby also felt that sporting events made up some of her best memories when she said, "I'll never forget the Friday night football games. They were a great chance to hang out with all my friends and to just have a good time." But although the details of these events may have faded over time, the impact they made on our lives will remain forever. *Story by Sara Philpott.*







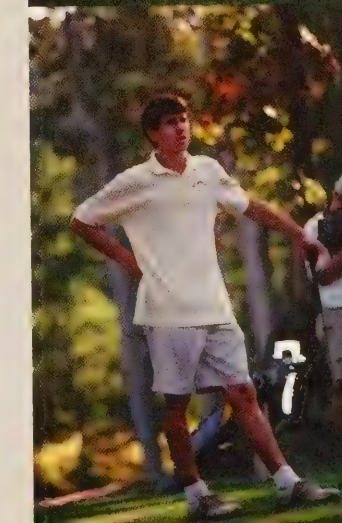
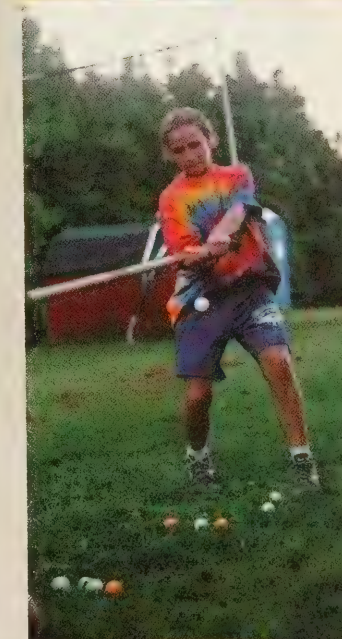
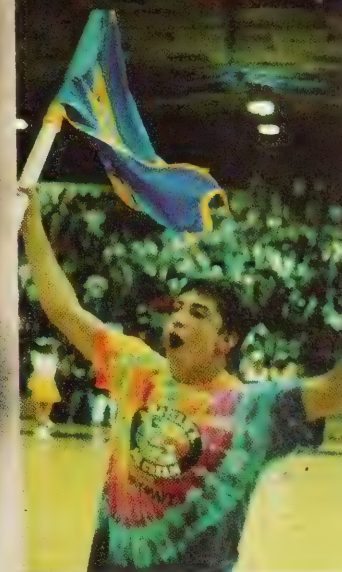


# Student Life

Life is what you make of it. Most students realized this and worked just as hard outside of school as they did to get good grades. Many chose to spend their spare time participating in after school activities, such as sports and music. Others end a hard day of studies only to have to rush to a job. "School is hard for me because I work at the General Store Restaurant every night from five to nine," said Rachel Kunkle.

A popular way to spend extra time was to just hang out with friends and relax. Senior Amy Spitler said, "I like to unwind after school by just going up into my room, putting on some good music, and talking on the phone with my friends." A common hangout during the fall was the Friday night football games where students could socialize with friends while they cheered on the team. "All my friends go to the football games and then we go out to eat together somewhere afterwards. I never have to worry about what I'm going to do on a Friday night," said Colleen Cooney.

On their own time was when students had a chance to really show their personalities. Nick Thomas, a journalism student, said, "When I go home I like to write. I'm working on a book right now, so far it's 80 pages long." These times, when students were able to relax and enjoy their free time, were often the treasured memories of the high school experience. *Story by Sara Philpott.*





# Year's End

"I felt happy we were gonna be seniors,"

was the common reaction of most rising seniors.

However lots wished for summer to arrive; in the words of Matthew Donaldson,

"I was ready for summer... party time!"

Partying wasn't the only summer activity, many had jobs, trips and sport camps to work into the fast pace of summer days. Jill Strong commented, "after a long trip, I felt like my summer was almost gone," Nodding her head in agreement, Arline Weeks smiled, reminiscing about the memories her month long stay in Turkey. Jobs were able to keep the cash flow good, but also allow time to slip through your fingers.

Soon July ran into August which eventually brought Labor Day, canceling summer for good. Terrance Gallivan thought the end of summer was "like bringing a ship into harbor." Harboring into open house, smiles were plentiful as students greeted each other and their favorite teachers. Worrisome looks of upcoming freshmen were somewhat comforting and sad as seniors realized this was their last year of wandering down the halls of Stafford. Story by Andi Bordick

## Smiling Faces.

Sean Farmer laughs as Courtney Berry nearly stabs him with a pin. Prom was a very memorable night for all the attending students. Juniors looked forward to the event again next year, returning as seniors.

Photo by Janie Berry.



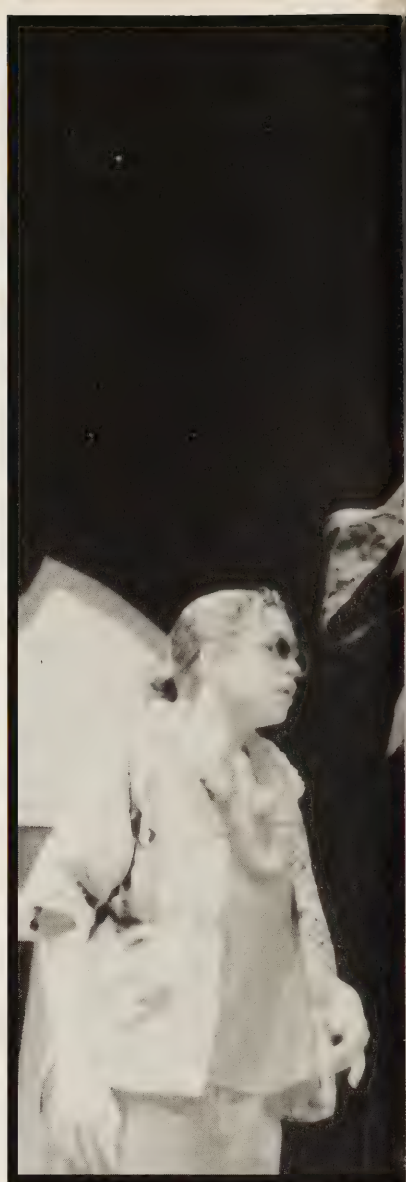
Oh My Goodness! Rita Stevens glances over to see who is dancing. Different dance styles were a highlight of the Prom scene. Many students tore up the dance floor and taught others a few things about style. Photo by Lifetouch



ME, Me, Me... Scott Ramsburg shows his dramatic side to an audience of students. The drama club, as well as class, was a popular activity to many creative students in school. Drama brought out a unique and talented side most never saw. Photo by Laura Crigler.

## Upward from the Bottom

Spring Sports Fighting for the ball, the members of the Lacrosse team close in on the opponent. The lacrosse team was one of the sports played in the spring along with baseball, softball, boy's tennis and soccer.







*What were you  
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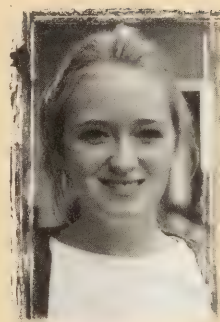
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sleep in."  
~Danielle King*



*"Looking forward to  
graduation."  
~Ryan Johnson*



*"I wasn't looking  
to get that  
stupid ticket or  
go to court for  
them to decide  
it was stupid!!"  
~Kensley  
Whitler*



*"A good fun summer,  
I wasn't lookin' to sit  
around the house."  
~Thomas Hagerty*



*"What did you  
do over the  
summer?"*

*"I went to Cape  
Hatteras twice and  
practiced for  
cheerleading all  
summer."*

*~Shannon Barnes*



*"I went on a  
cruise to the  
Bahamas."*

*~Brandi  
Lauderman*

*"I went to Spain and  
I saw a lot of the  
things that we've  
studied in class. It  
was a blast."*

*~Valerie Thompson*



*"I went to the  
U.S. Women's  
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*~Laura Crigler*

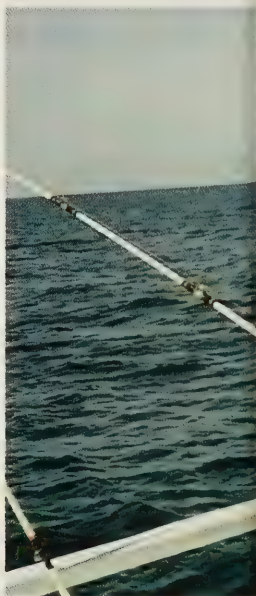


*Summer*



**Smile for the Camera** Holding a live koala bear, Rachel Jarnecke is captured in the moment. She spent two weeks in Australia on a People to People trip. Many trips were taken with school clubs and organizations over the summer.

**I Got One!** After just catching a fish, Liz Lewis asks for help. She and others enjoyed a day on a fishing boat in Nags Head. Nags Head was a very popular place for students to visit during their summer vacation. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*





# Let Loose

**Schoolwork**, homework, sports & extracurricular activities weigh students down for 180 days, then **BOOM** here comes summer, & students find they have a lot of time on their hands to do what they enjoy most.

Sleeping in the sun, going on vacation, or just kicking back and relaxing are all a part of this long (or not so long) vacation known as summer. Whether students chose to go away, stay at home, or simply just sleep in, summer was always a well-awaited and anticipated break from the normal pressure of everyday school life. Melissa Rose put it simply when she said, "It was a great time to relax and not have to worry about waking up early to do work."

And there's always those incredible summer memories that seemed to linger on into the school year. "It was phat, I went to Georgia, met a lot of girls, and rode the Big Six of Six Flags," said Sammy Newsome about his summer-long visit to northern Georgia.

While going away for the summer may be fun, many also enjoyed short frequent trips to various places. Such as Patti Hurlock who said, "I spent most of my summer at different beaches—which was cool because I got to meet a variety of people outside of Stafford." And even if they don't meet new people, nothing can replace the feel of the waves splashing on their feet and the sun beating down on their face.

Though many students didn't need to go to the beach to enjoy their vacation, some—like Jenny Witter—didn't even need to leave their house. "It was great just being able to watch all my favorite shows again."

Of course outdoor sports can also be enjoyed more in the warm summer weather. "It was great weather for golf," said Brett Lively. Most students seem to make the best of whatever comes out of their vacation. For summer was a time for students to spend on what they like doing best, whether it be sleeping, swimming, or even golf.

But like all good things, eventually, it must come to an end. For some, their summer days seemed to go on forever, but for many, it seemed to end too early. As Nadya Lieb said "It felt really short. It felt like we went to school, had about a week off, then came back again."

Yet sometimes even a week can help to calm the stresses of school. For whatever students do to pass the long summer days, summer seemed to counteract the hardships school brought. Even the smartest students needed time to allow them to focus on their other hobbies that were often times lost in the mad school rush. But no matter what they decided to do, summer was exactly what it was said to be... a vacation. *Story By Nicole Brors.*

**Just Chillin'** Posing for the camera, Bob Mills, Scott Smith, Mike Duramus and Alden Hingle spend their day relaxing at Colonial Beach for the day. Though only a day, the beach was always a welcome experience. Whether swimming, tanning, or just hangin' out, the beach offered a break from the normal summer routine.



**Summer Days** After swimming, Erin Hughes takes a break to prepare for her upcoming events. Swimming was a great way to stay in shape and cool off during those hot summer months.



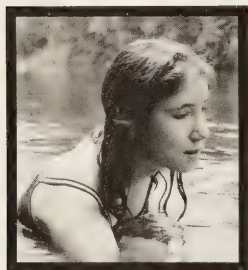
# Summer of '97

After 180 long grueling school days, school is finally out and there are almost **three months of freedom** ahead. The best way to get away from it all is to pack your bags and go **looking for adventure.**

**Time Out** After a long day of practice, the girls basketball team takes a time out to pose for a picture. Last summer, the team went to UNC to sharpen their skills. The girls got geared up for their long season.

## Cooling off?

Beating the heat, Liz Kravetz takes a dip in the Rappahanock River. This river was a cool hang out this past summer, and a great way to beat the heat. Photo by Rita Botts



That is what some Stafford students did when going to Spain. "The trip to Spain was an experience I won't forget," remarked Kim Murphy, just one of the students that went to Spain with Mrs. Shugart. More adventures were had in Paris as related by Sarah Jones. "I had a great time touring the wonderful sights of Paris. I think every kid should have the opportunity to travel overseas." Besides school trips, Rachel Jarnecke had the opportunity to go down under to Australia. "Australia was a beautiful place, and I will definitely be returning."

Although taking vacations and getting away from it all is fun and relaxing, some students were sweating the summer away in camps getting ready for the next year's athletics. "Basketball camp really brought the team together. Each member of the team learned a different skill to make us a winning team," said Erika Havasy. Along with the basketball team, the cheerleaders worked on their skills at the University of Maryland, according to Kristi Dixon. "Despite our young squad, we pulled together and came out on top and blew everyone away with our awesome spirit."

Regardless of how your summer was spent, traveling, attending camps or just hanging out, it was full of experiences and memories that will never be forgotten. Story by Amy Cooper.

**Got one** Enjoying the summer sun, Rita Botts caught some fish while surf fishing. This was one of many great experiences she had when she visited the Eastern Shore. Photo by Sue Botts.



**Down** What a view Brendon Aherien had as he climbed Quandary Peak! Brendon visited Rocky Mountain National Park, where he got the full view at 14,000 feet.

**On The Green** Meeting Fluff, the caddy for Tiger Woods, was one of the highlights of Laura Crigler's trip to the U.S. Open. Tiger Woods went on the win this event.

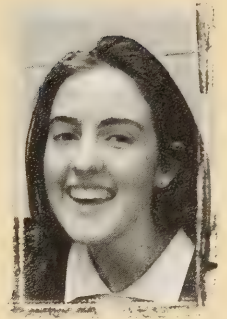




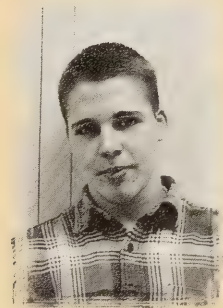


## What did you do over summer vacation?

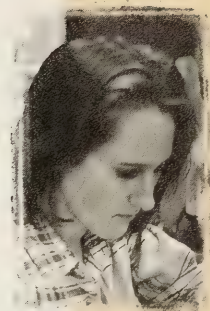
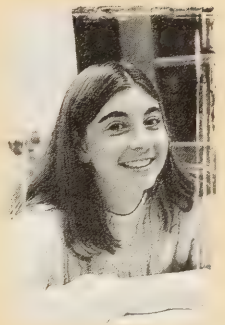
"I traveled to  
Turkey and had  
a blast."  
~Arlene Weeks



"I got to go to boot  
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~Matt Thompson



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and sat on the  
beach all day  
long."  
~Christi Clever



"I got to explore  
Paris with the  
French Club and my  
friends."  
~Sarah Jones



"What was the most fun thing you did this summer?"

"I went to a block party and ate fried chicken all day long!" ~J. Blevins



"I went to the Wallflowers and Counting Crows concert in Virginia Beach." ~Aaron Austin

"The most fun thing I did this summer was probably when I went to Florida." ~Brittany Wood



"I just had fun hanging out with my friends and not having to do anything for school." ~Sam Hall



**Stretching the Limits** Warming up before practice, a football player stretches in the hot summer sun. If athletes were not stretched out they risked injuries during the hot weather. Photo by Darragh Copley.

**Hit'em Hard** Members of the junior varsity team practice tackles while their teammates wait their turn behind him. Photo by Mary Smart.

**Stick it to'em** Dribblin' the field hockey ball down the field, Elizabeth Campbell perfects and enhances her abilities during a summer practice. The practice must have worked because the team finished undefeated. Photo by Mary Smart.





# Beat the Heat

Everyone shares **the excitement** of the **sports seasons** beginning, they look forward to the games and **cheering** on their favorite sport.

However, unless you were one on those teams practicing during everyone else's summer break to prepare for those seasons to begin, you probably cannot even begin to understand the true excitement! "I hated getting up early, but I guess it was worth it, at least you got to see your friends over the summer," said Carly Renninger, who started her third year as an Indianette. The fall sports teams begin practicing during the summer break to make sure they are ready to play by the start of school.

It was not always easy to get up early on a hot August morning to head to a practice, but it had its advantages. Amanda Evans, a varsity field hockey player, explained, "It's summer, all you really feel like doing is sleeping late, laying around the house, watching T.V., whatever, but usually you don't want to go practice. If you wanna be good, you get up and practice anyway!" The field hockey teams were one of the teams that often practiced twice a day to condition themselves for the coming season.

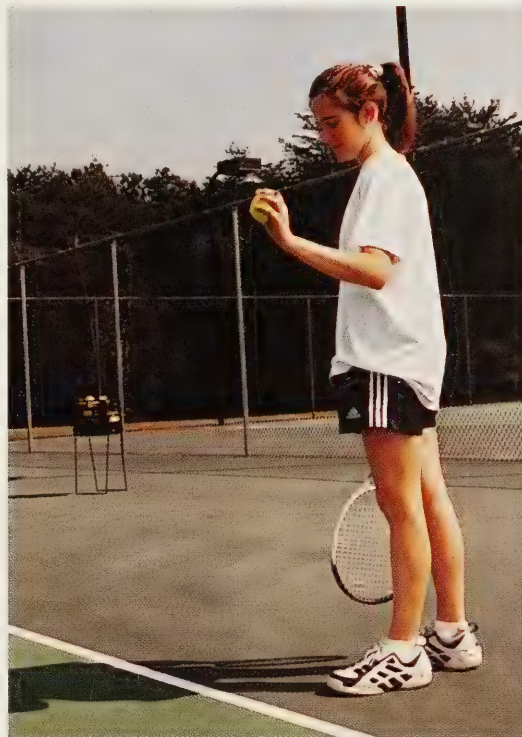
Aside from the work, there was also the factor of heat. "The heat about killed me and we ran constantly," said Andi Bordick, who played varsity tennis. Most people seem to agree that the running was not a favorite activity but it got you prepared for the season. Genny Rankin, who is a member of the varsity cheerleading squad said, "I hate running, especially when you're already tired, but the hard work brings your team together and in the end it's worth it."

In order to play, everyone has to practice, so our teams get up whether they like it or not, hopefully bringing about an exciting season in the fall. "It's rough getting outta bed, but you just deal with it, that's what you have to do if you want to play," said varsity football player, Josh Chamberlin. That was the bottom line. It may be summertime, but for the athletes at Stafford, wanting to play meant having to practice. Congratulations to you all, you made it through those August heat waves and the time came to play!

Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz .



**Laying on the Ice** Sam Hall ices her knee after a summer practice. At cross country practice, team members took time out to rest and to ice injuries, sprains and sore muscles. It was important for all injuries to be nursed during the summer in order to be prepared for the fall season. Photo by Mary Smart.



**Swingin'** Returning for her third year on the tennis team, Whitney Eck practices her swing. At tennis practice over the summer, the girls practiced their game for the fall season. Wherever you went, you could see athletes practicing all over during

the summer in hopes of successful fall seasons. Photo by Darragh Copley.



# Hard Workin'

Part time jobs were about the only way students could make a little money for the school year, college and bills such as car insurance. Student jobs ranged from places of employment like Southern Auto, True Value, Pizza Hut & Food Lion to places like northern Virginia government, Riverview Restaurant, Montgomery Ward & The Sports Authority.

## Hey Pizza Boy

Smiling because he is just so happy to be at work, Michael Hodge prepares a pizza for all the hungry customers at Pizza Hut. Fast food and other restaurants were a very popular place for students to earn a few bucks. Photo by Liz Kravetz.



## Three Amigos

Dale Weaver, Cory Harding and Roy Perry are all hard at work, at the remodeled RC Movie Theater across from Spotsylvania Mall. The new Central Park area created new job opportunities for students at Target, Fun Land, Best Buys, and Applebees. Photo by Liz Kravetz.

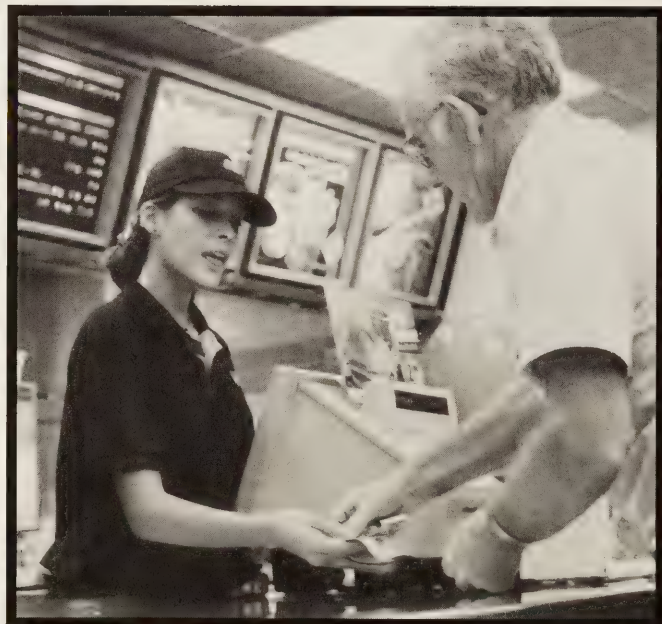


Not everyone did it for the love of work, some students like Terrance Gallivan who explained, "I need the money for my car insurance!" worked to get the bills paid. Danielle King who lives in White Oak found a part time job at Pizza Hut and said, "If we aren't really busy then we are really slow which is boring as anything!"

Of course there were the select few like senior William Keiner who said, "I love to drive and I get to deliver parts all day and when I'm not I just sit around." who like their jobs. "\$15.00 an hour is nice especially when I get to sit back and do nothing all day!" explained John Mike Steinmetz who liked his summer time job working in northern Virginia for the government.

Not everyone worked extremely far away from home at places such as the mall and northern Virginia. Melissa Duer who worked in the Food Lion at Woodlawn exclaimed, "My job is close to home and I don't feel like driving all the way to the mall everyday."

For some students the choice between grades and money was a major factor as to why they did or did not get a job. As for students dividing their time between work and school Jonathan Catalano explained his philosophy on the matter: "I'm supposed to answer the phones but nobody ever calls so I sit and do my homework." Story by Sean L. Farmer.



## Did Somebody Say McDonalds?

Evidently someone did, many, many times throughout the day, keeping people like Allyson Rose employed and making money. Places like Burger King, McDonalds, and Dairy Queen often took in students from schools to help run their store. Photo by Carin Stoelker.

## Working on the Outside!

Passing his time and earning a little cash at the same time, sophomore A.J. Jarnecke makes the call as a sideline ref for the SRSL. Many students needed money to make it through the school year, and getting a job doing something they enjoyed made the time go by faster. Photo by Laura Crigler.







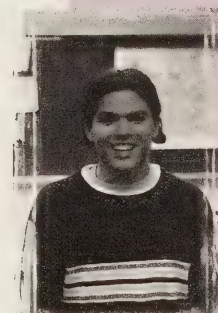
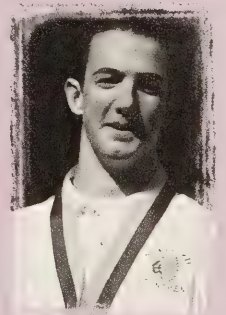
*"What is the worst thing they make you do at your job?"*

*"I had to hose puke off the pool deck while I was lifeguarding."  
~Adam Dowling  
-Lifeguard,  
Grafton Pool*



*"Clean up the spills especially spaghetti sauce." ~Jonathan Truslow-Food Lion*

*"Serve really obnoxious drunk people!"  
~Coleman Tyson-Zagaras*



*"The sinks get all filled up with ice cream and then I have to go along and scoop it out."  
~Thomas Hagerty-Dairy Queen*



# What was your most embarrassing moment during the first week of school?

"It has to be when I tripped and fell, having all my books hit me on the head as I fell down the stairs."

~Adam Lester.



"One day I was late for a class and so I had to run to class, as I turned the corner I slammed into a teacher flinging papers everywhere."

~Ray Richards.



"We were dancing at the year's first pep rally and in the middle of the dance my ankle gave out. My butt fell flat on the gym floor! I finally got off the gym floor and was able to limp to the rest of the dance."

~Jennifer Farr.



"The first day of school I was walking to one of my classes when I accidentally walked into the wrong classroom. It turned out to be an all seniors class and most of them were

Like 'stupid freshman'."

~Josh Thompson.



First week of school





# New Faces

**Mmm**, the fresh smell of old textbooks, the **BANGING** of lockers, the crowded hallways, yes, folks it was **back to school** time. **School starting** September 2nd may have been **too early**, but once the first morning bell rung, the **new school year** began.

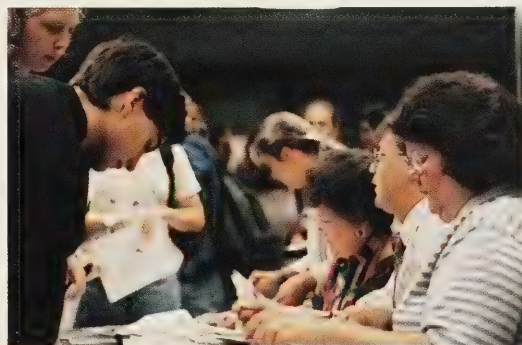
Some couldn't wait for school to start, so they could get a chance to see old friends and faces that they didn't get to see over the three and a half month break. Matt Matter summed it up best by saying, "Summer was fun, but I couldn't wait to get back to school and start on the book work." Eric Dowling agreed with Matt, "The summer was boring, I just hung out the whole time."

Others had a different view, like Katherine Fritter who said, "It's lousy, I'd just as soon stay home, it's hard to get into the swing of things." Elizabeth Sowers remarked, "I don't want to go back to school. My summer was a blast and September just ruins the mood of things."

For freshmen it was a new beginning, Josh Thompson said, "I got lost at first, but I can find my way around, it's cool now."

Yet seniors are already anticipating the end of the year. Jill Strong was quoted as saying, "This being my senior year and all I just want to hurry up and get this year over with." Meleana Kala said, "I just hope these are the quickest nine months of my life."

Tasha Mickens summed it up best by saying, "It's very exciting to see people I didn't get a chance to see over the summer. This school year's gonna be the bomb!" *Story by Oliver Goldman.*

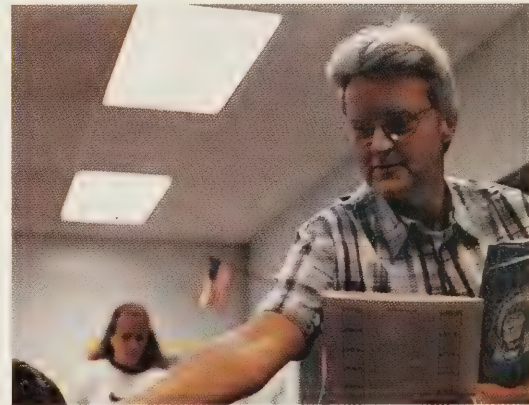


**Permit Pleasure.** Davis Bradshaw was one of many students to show up early in the morning to get a parking permit. It was vital for juniors and seniors to get their permit so they could drive to school.

*Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Whew!** Kelsey Atkinson looks over the student handbook during the first day of school. The student handbook had information on discipline, the school schedule and other important stuff every student would need to know for the upcoming year. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



**Doing Their Job.** During the first day of class, Ms. Baughn hands out her class syllabus. Passing out papers is only one of the many duties teachers had on the first day of school. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock*

**Just Tape It.** Kramer Thompson tapes up a poster in between periods. During the school year many posters were taped up throughout the year to inform students of activities and events going on in the school. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



# Raisin' the Roof

"Get fired up! Get fired up!"

The chants of the cheerleaders fill the gym and grow to a deafening roar as the crowd joins in.

PEP RALLIES were a way for students to get to show their school spirit as they yelled and clapped for their class.

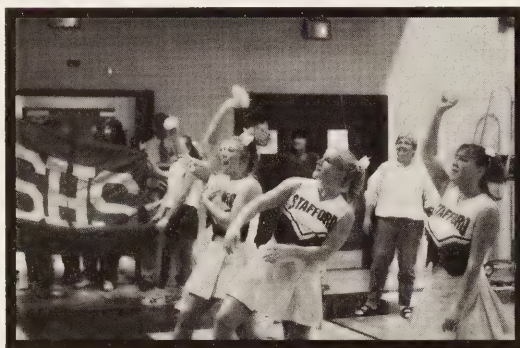
## Catch This!

Throwing footballs into the stands, Kim Cooper, Christina Gates, and Jessie Cooley cheer at the pep rally. Snagging one of these footballs was quite an accomplishment with people falling all over each other in the bleachers to catch them. Photo by Liz Kravetz.

## Shake Your Body

Leading the Indianette's dance at the pep rally, captain Rebecca Washburn is flanked by her teammates Kate Russell and Sarah Jones. The Indianettes danced to upbeat songs at the pep rallies and sporting events. Their dances were well choreographed and all the dancers were in unison.

Photo by Liz Kravetz.



They also helped to rally up the support of the student body for the athletic teams. Students opinions about these events greatly varied. Becky Oliver said, "Pep rallies are a good way of promoting school spirit, but personally I'm not interested in sitting through them." Students who played sports were often more enthusiastic about the pep rallies. Darla Stevens felt "the best part about them is that now that we are seniors all the lower classmen have to stand for us when we come into the gym."

Students are not the only ones who get involved in the pep rallies. Several teachers each year participate in dances and cheers with the students as cheerleaders throw footballs into the stands. As soon as the cheerleaders pull out the footballs the mood becomes tense in the crowd as everyone struggles to catch one. "Personally, I can't see why everyone

cares so much about getting a plastic football, but more power to them," said Al Philpott. The purpose of these events is to encourage school spirit and pride. Bredon Ahearn said, "Pep rallies are a way for me to feel comfortable with my own inner Indian spirit."

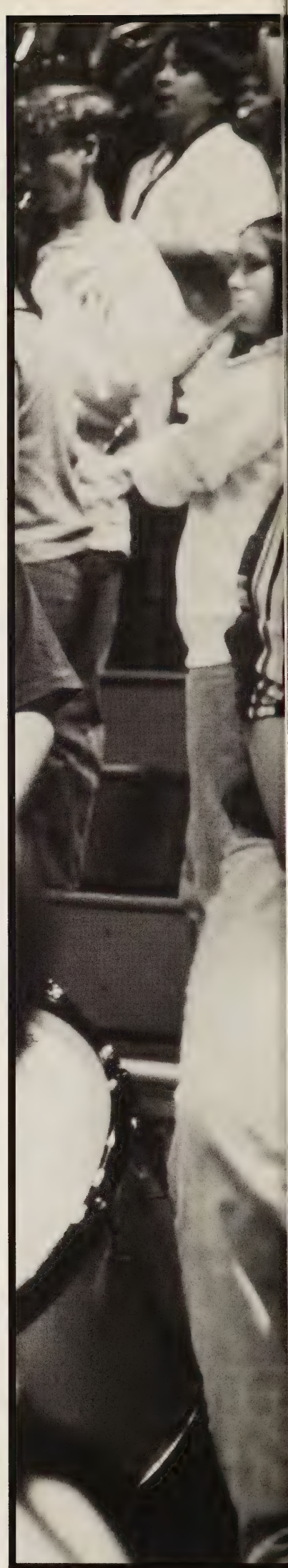
Whether students chose to opt out with an early out or to stay and show their school spirit, one thing that they all agreed was a positive thing, the shortened classes. Story by Sara Philpott.



**Seniors Rule!!!** Showing their school spirit, the senior class passes around the "S" flag. Seniors often had the most spirit because they realized this would be their last year in high school. Photo by Liz Kravetz.

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**Follow My Beat** Kim Beales plays the drums for the marching band at a pep rally. The marching band often wasn't appreciated for its hard work day in and day out. Photo by Mark Hughes.







## What was your favorite part about the pep rallies?

"I usually get early outs for pep rallies, but I stayed to see the teachers do Lord of the Dance. That was the funniest pep rally I've ever been to."

~Sarah Danzi



"The best part about the pep rallies was the fact that we got to get out of each class early."

~Jean Fox

"Mosh pits, screaming, and Lord of the Dance equal fun."

~Ryan Gorman.



"I like this year's pep rallies the best because everyone stands up now, since we're seniors, and have more spirit."

~Amy Butler.



# What did you do for Spirit Week?

"I dressed for all of them but Hippy Day... I just don't have those clothes!"

~Nicole Brors



"I painted my face and wore my senior shirt, I wore a tie too!"

~Cramer Thompson

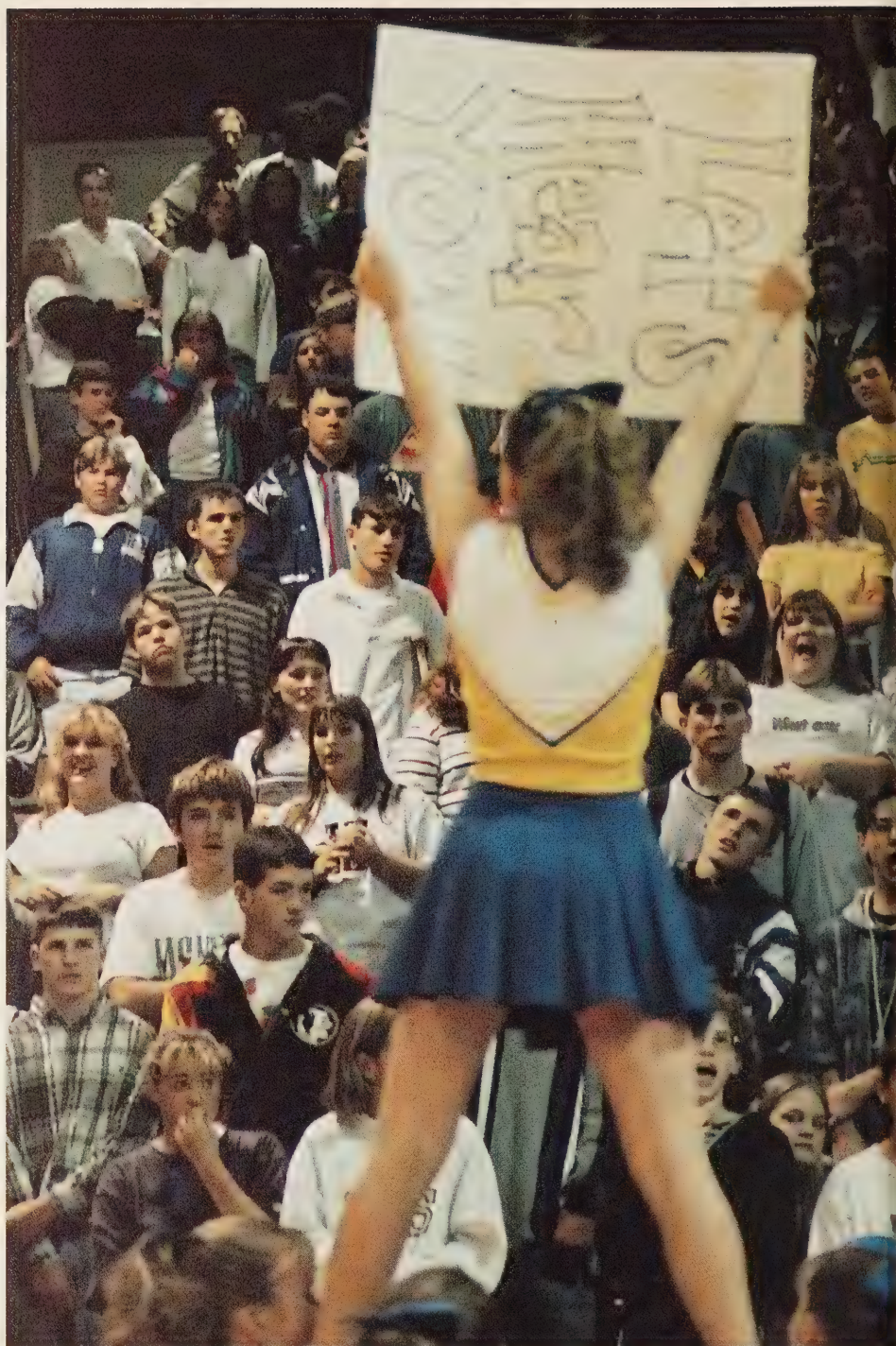
"Me and Billy looked really cool as twins, overalls an all." —

J.W. Bouchyard



"'Dress Down Day' for me was 'Get Up and GO Day', I got up at 7:30, grabbed my keys, and was at school by 7:38."

~Terrance Gallivin



**Who has spirit?** Pumping up their spirit, the Class of 2001 cheers loud and proud. Pep rallies got the juices flowing for a big game with a rival school. Participation was outstanding and well-appreciated this year.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

**Flower Power!** Hippy Amy Parsons, enjoying Spirit Week, laughs for the camera. Not seen in the photo was Amy's friend Jessica Rose falling on her face. Spirit Week topics differed from previous years yet still were a hit. Photo by Mark Hughes.

**Far Right: Here they Come!** The football team emerges for the Homecoming pep rally. The pep rally was a huge success, and pumped up the school. Unfortunately the game was postponed until the following Monday, due to the monsoon season that hit Fred'. Photo by Andi Bordick.





# Spirited Indians

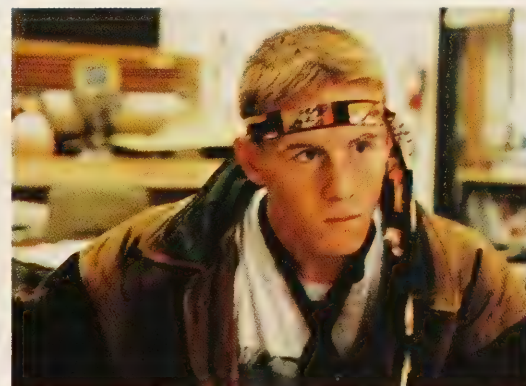
**SPIRIT WEEK** pumped up the spirit with **blue & gold** day, **hippie** day, tie day, dress down day and **twins** day.

Trying out new themes for spirit week had more students participating in the festivities. "I think the topics were more accessible to shy students and fun, but not as creative as past years," commented Mr. Hughes. Students agreed that the topics could have been more "risky" and more of a shock.

Laura Crigler felt, "they used the same topics over and over again, I mean we brought hippies back so much that they're out again." However, she still found time to dress up for most of the spirit days. The cheerleaders as well as class officers showed a colorful array of spirit and creativity. Most enjoyed dressing up and having people comment on their garb, "I enjoyed all the comments I got on my twin outfit," said Jessye Cooley, who's twin was Kim Cooper.

"Our goal was to try and add some spirit to the school," Matt Donaldson explained. The job is tough and hard to please everyone. An annoyed Adrienne Brown said, "I wish our class had more spirit like the Class of 98', they're so spirited and pepped." However, it was best put by Coleman Tyson, "You are only in high school once, it may be a rough road and one you don't care to take, but showing school pride makes the journey a little easier and a definitely more fun!" *Story by Andi Bordick.*

**Lord of the Dance** The River Dance squad give a performance for the North Stafford pep rally. The group worked long and hard on their routine, which was a wonderful display of talent. Agnew was a proud dance leader and excited by the attitude of the student body.



**Ties up.** Ryan Clore shows off his Indian pride on tie day. Even though Ryan moved to Stafford this year he showed great pride and respect in being an Indian. The football team was glad to have him, too. *Photo by Andi Bordick.*



# Oh What a Night!

## Homecoming

always brings up feelings of joy and memorable bliss that leave an unforgettable impression

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**What an Experience!** As she won, Amy Cascio is left stunned and speechless as Thomas Haggerty looks on. Winning Homecoming queen was a highlight of her evening. Though Homecoming game was postponed from Friday to the following Monday, for some, it was well worth it. Photo by Mark Hughes.

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**Go Stafford!** Psyching up the crowd, Kim Cooper throws a football. Many times these mini-sized footballs really got the crowd to cheer on their team. The cheerleaders were always seen with smiles though many of the games—such as homecoming—were quite cold. Photo by Mark Hughes.

Homecoming—a time of stress and anticipation boiling up inside until that special night, when all of a sudden rags were transformed into gowns and boys were transformed into young gentlemen. "It was fun getting all dressed up and seeing other people all dresses up," said Jessica Moore.

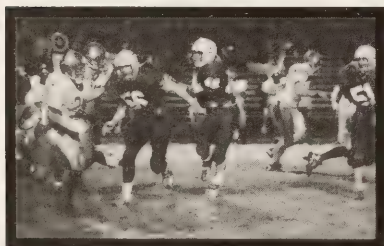
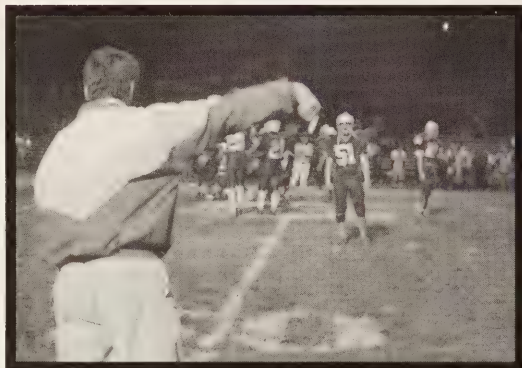
For the most part, the homecoming dance went well. "Dinner was cool; the dance was cool; but waiting in line for pictures was horrible," said Sean Farmer. On the other hand, some students had small complaints, such as Carly Renninger who said, "They played a bunch of bad music... well, the slow music was good, but the fast music was all old stuff."

To reduce the pressure of the dance, some also found it more fun to just go with friends. Amy Parsons put it simply when she said, "Kristi Dixon and I had a lot of fun. I didn't have to worry about whether or not I looked good enough for a guy. It ended up being more fun than the rest of my years."

Besides the dance, the homecoming game also plays a big role in bringing on the homecoming spirit. "The homecoming game was fun, but it's too bad it had to be postponed until the next Monday," said Courtney Berry. Besides the usual Friday night game routine being broken, this year's float competition also had an unique outcome as put by Oliver Goldman "I was glad to see the tradition broken of the seniors always winning the float contest. The junior's float was really good."

Homecoming is always full of surprises and this year was no different. But one thing will always remain the same. Darragh Copley concluded in saying "Homecoming is a time to feel like a prince/princess for a short moment in time. And though the night won't last forever, all the pictures I took will help me to always remember that special spark of that magical evening." Story by Nicole Brors.

**What's That Coach?** Awaiting coach Ripley's response, Drew Penny stands at mid-field. Stafford's football team put utmost effort into playing their homecoming game. Photo by Mark Hughes.



**Outta My Way!** Making an offensive play, Drew Penny, 40, and 56 scurry 'round the field. Playing tough and making split-second decisions was always number one on the player's agenda. Photo by Mark Hughes.

**Dodging the Crowd** As 30 fights his way to the endzone, 26 works hard to clear a path. It took a lot of hard work from all the players to make a good play. Photo by Mark Hughes.





What will you  
remember most about  
Homecoming?

"The way my date  
looked."  
~Thomas Perrone



"Everyone in our  
group smelling like  
chinese food for the  
rest of the night  
after we went to  
dinner."  
~Kristy Noel



"How the juniors  
won the float  
competition."  
~Callie McLenagan



"Valerie and I making  
Sebastian on the  
float. And the  
bubbles, me and Liz  
flappin' em on  
Adrienne (Ursula)."  
~Laura Crigler





*What do you do  
after football  
game?*

"It just depends on  
what my friends  
and I feel like doing,  
sometimes we go to  
the dance to make  
fun of the under-  
classmen dance!"  
~Danielle King



"We always go  
to Pizza Hut  
and then we  
go hang out at  
a friend's  
house."  
~Jacob Gadd

"I go to friend's  
houses and watch  
movies and eat!"  
~Katie Jacoby



"I just meet up  
with a bunch  
of friends and  
find some  
place to just  
hang out and  
have a good  
time, some-  
times, it's just  
a friend's  
house or  
something." ~Nadya Lieb





# Fabulous Fall

The return of school means not only a lot of changes for the students, but also a **change in the weather.**

It is the start of the **fall sports'** seasons, which means afternoon **field hockey** games, **Friday night football** games,

and ultimately a multitude of different activities including

## HALLOWEEN.

Fall at Stafford meant changes for everyone; it is not always easy to adjust to the change in routine. Scott Ferrebee contributed, "Fall is okay, except that it means going back to school, and getting back into the school routine."

Perhaps one of the most important events of Fall is the start of football season, and of course the weeks of waiting for Homecoming. "Since it was my freshmen year, I couldn't wait for Homecoming, especially because I hadn't been before," revealed Sarah Johnson. While Homecoming is one of the first big events of the year, it appeared as though not everyone was as excited about its arrival. "Once you've gone a couple times, it's not that exciting, but it's still fun to get dressed up and go out," said senior Kim Cooper. Few people, however, can resist the temptation of Homecoming excitement as the night grows closer.

The fall weather is another highlight for some people. After three months of summer humidity and scorching sun, some people were ready for a little climate change. "I like when the weather starts getting colder; you get to wear new school clothes," joked Amber Sullivan. For some, the weather was just better for getting together and hanging out with friends. Senior Kristi Dixon commented, "I like fall cause it's not really cold, but the weather's good for going out and doing stuff with friends". There were still some at Stafford who wanted to ban Fall altogether, "Fall just makes me think of school. I wish summer never ended," concluded Sabree Duff. Whether you love it or hate it, Fall is an important part of the year at Stafford, it's a time for football games, friends, and above all else, fun! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*

**Going for the Win** Headed down the field, Crystal Carper fights for a victory during the field hockey season. Her efforts, combined with that of her teammates, carried the field hockey team all the way to state competition in Virginia Beach. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



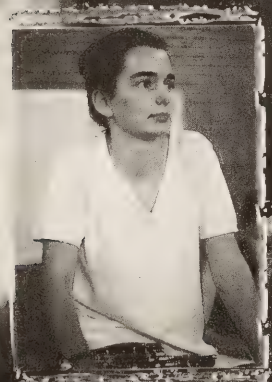
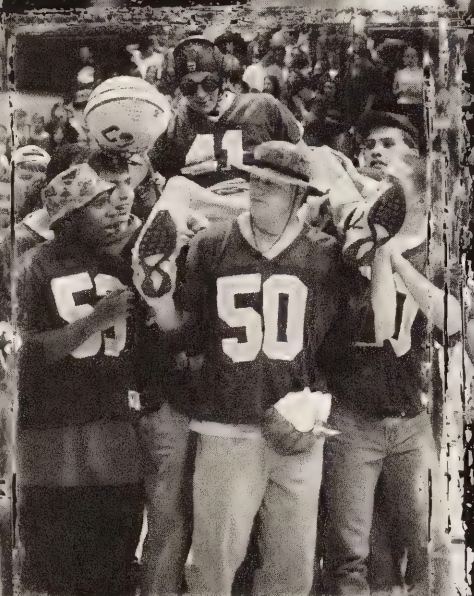
**Altered Identities** On Halloween, many students wore costumes and wigs to celebrate the holiday. Christina Cushing sported her costume during her art class. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*

**Halloween Spirits** Decked out in Halloween apparel, Carrie Covert demonstrates her love of Halloween. Because there was a football game on Halloween this year, students were encouraged to dress up to show their team spirit. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

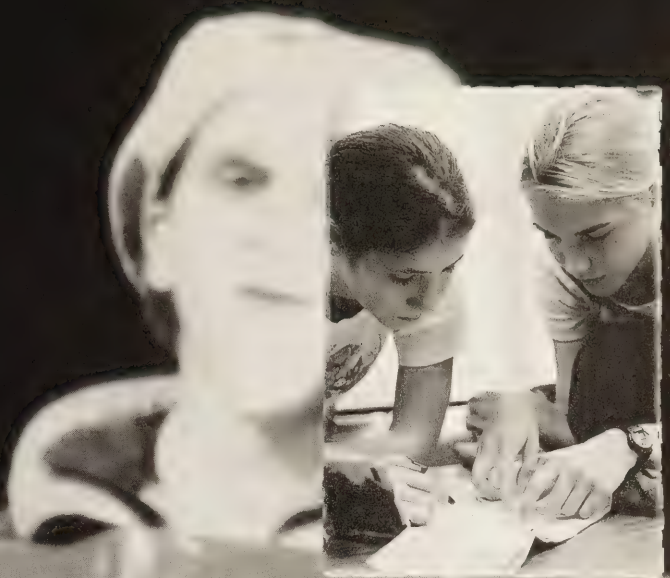


**Costume Characters** All around school characters from books and movies could be seen heading to class. Michael Brown dresses as Jim Carrey in "The Mask", making quite an impression on his classmates. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





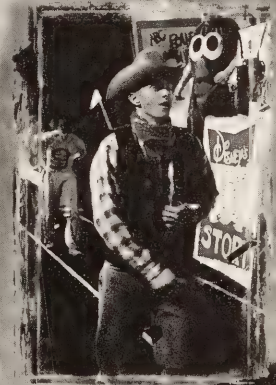




# Seniors

Finally, top of the totem pole. Senior year is anticipated by students from the moment they enter high school as a lowly freshman. Senior year is meant to be the best year ever, with students receiving special privileges such as first dibs on parking passes and senior cuts in lunch line. Seniors try frantically to pack as many memories as possible into their last year of high school. While moving on in life may be an exciting idea, students such as Kay Jacob realize this could be the best year of their lives. "I'm definitely ready to go to college, but I won't forget all the friends I made over my four years in high school," she says. "I'm just trying to make the most of this year by doing as many fun things as possible."

However, along with all the fun of being a senior come the responsibilities, such as filling out college applications and trying to keep grades up. "Senioritis is drinking up on me. With all the pressures I have, part of me can't wait for this year to be over, while the other part wants to look senior forever." Seniors were also role models for the underclassmen. The impression they made on school through the memories they left would affect the student body for years to come. Amy Branscome, a senior, said, "I just want my last year here to be the best year." When looking back on their high school years, students' senior year will often stand out as a culmination of some of the most memorable events they ever experienced. Story by Sara Philpott.





# Winter Fun

*The first flakes of snow brought the hope of snow days*

*What do you do on a snow day?*



"I love sleeping in and enjoying a nice cup of hot chocolate to warm me up!"  
~Cristi Cleaver

"I usually sleep in and then catch up on work or just lounge around the house and relax."  
~Kim Murphy



"Usually, I catch up on T.V. that I haven't watched and then go out with friends."  
~Sarah Jones

"I hope that we won't have to go to school the next day."  
~Erika Havasy



"I like going out and playing in the snow. Usually a group of us go out and play around. It gets your mind off everything."  
~Darla Stevens

As the days grew shorter and colder you know winter was peeking around the corner. The first thing on every high school student's mind was when school would be cancelled for the first snow day. Students looked forward to the snow days so they could catch up on their sleep or that piled up homework that they didn't do the night before. "I look forward to snow days just because I can sleep in all day," commented Justin Sterne. Other students who anticipated the day off caught up on work. "I usually end up doing work I didn't do the night before," said Cristi Cleaver.

Another sign that winter was coming was the intense basketball season. On a typical Friday night, most students gathered in the stands to cheer on their Stafford Indians. "I look forward to winter because basketball season starts," commented Erika Havasy.

Winter was a favorite season for most students. When winter was over, Spring fever would hit, and that would mean school would be letting out soon. *Story by Amy Cooper.*

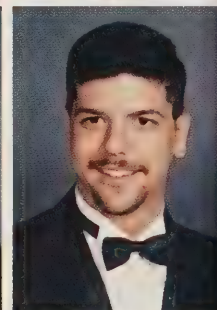
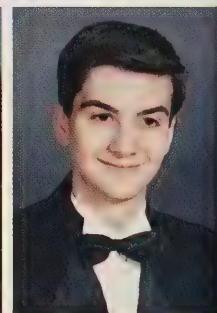


## Woke-up Late

Mrs. Marie Bowen cleans up in-between lunch shifts. Both students and staff enjoyed dressing up for Halloweens. *Photo by Brian Koppel.*

## War Paint

During her lunch shift, Caroline Miles works on her war paint. The senior class was fired up on pep rally days. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*







**DALAL ABILMONA** Step Team

**CATHERINE ADAMS**

**BRENDAN AHEARN**

**MELANIE ALLEN** Marching Band 9-11, Winter Track 10-11, Spring Track 9-11, NHS 10-12, President 12, French Club 9-12, Co-Pres. 11, Secretary 12, Key Club 10-12, Environmental Club 12, FBLA

**MARK ANDREWS** TSA 9-10, VICA 12

**AARON AUSTIN** Yearbook 10-12, Editor in Chief 12, Key Club 9-12, French Club 10-12, Who's Who 11, All American Scholar 11, Winter Track 10, Field Hockey 9-10

**MORGAN BAKER** Drama Club 9-12, Forensics 12, NHS 11-12, French Club 10-11, Latin Club 11, Who's Who 11, Young Democrats 12, Video Yearbook 12, FBLA 10

**MICHELLE BALLARD** SSS 10

**SHIRLEY BARNES** Girl's Ensemble 9, Drama Club 9-12, Environmental Club 10-12, NAHS 12, French Club 11

**JONATHAN BARNUM** Marching band 9-12, Trumpet Line Section Leader 12, Jazz Band 10-12, Wind Ensemble 10, concert Band 9, NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 11

**JASON BAST** Football 10, 12, Baseball 10, 12, Key Club 11-12, Treasurer, Spanish Club, NHS, NAHS

**T. J. BELL** FBLA 11, VICA 11 TSA 12

**JERRY BENFIELD** Auto Mechanics 10-11, Masonry 11-12, CTE 12

**DOLORES BEVAN** Key Club 9-12, VP 11, Reporter 10, Drama Club 10-12, Cheerleading 9, FOCUS 9-12, Latin Club 9-12, NHS 10-12, Art Honor Society 12, Forensics 11-12

**SARA BISHOP** Drama Club 9, Basketball 9-10, Spanish Club 9

**PAUL BOGARDUS, IV**

**DANA BONELLI** Varsity Tennis 9-10, Math Club 9, Science Club 9, Spanish Club 10, 12, Key Club 10, 12, FBLA 10

**ANDREA BORDICK** Tennis 10-12, Captain 12, Girls Ensemble 9, Madrigals 10, Spanish Club 9-12, Vice Pres. 11, Yearbook 11-12, Creative Writing 10

**RITA BOTTS** NHS 11-12, NAHS 11-12, Secretary 11-12, Yearbook, Junior class President, Sym. Band, Wind Ensemble 10-11, Marching Band 10-11, Winter Track 9, Key Club 10, French Club 10-11, Environmental Club 10-11, SSS 10-11

**SETH BOURNE**

**JAMES BOUTCHYARD** Baseball 9-12, Football 9, TSA 10-12, Spanish 9-10, FCA 12, Science 9-12

**ROBERT BOWLING** Baseball 10, VICA 9-11, DECA 12

**CHRISTOPHER BOWMAN** VICA 11, Spanish Club 11-12, FBLA 12

**SCOTT BOYD** Wrestling 9-11, TSA 9-10, VICA 11-12, Auto Mechanics 11, Electricity 1

**CHRISTINA BRADMAN** Dance Team 11-12, FBLA 11-12, Deca 12, Key Club 12, Cheerleading 9, Gymnastics 9

**DAVIS BRADSHAW** NHS, Drama Club, Spanish Club, FBLA

**AMY BRANSCOME** NAHS 11-12, FBLA 10, Spanish Club 9-10

**TRAVIS BRASSART** Auto Mechanics 10-11, VICA 9-12, CTE 12, Construction 9

**ELIZABETH BRAUN** Key Club 10-12, FHA 10-12, Mediators 9-12, NHS 12, Soccer 9, SCA 12

**TIMOTHY BRENNAN** Marching Band 9-12, Rugby 11-12, FBLA 12, Symphonic Band 9-10, Wind Ensemble 11-12

**JARED BROOKER**

**BRANDON BROOKS** Masonry 10-12, VICA 10-12, CTE 12, SCA 9-10

**DANIEL BROWN**

**CHRISTOPHER BUNN** NHS 10-12, NAHS 11-12, German Club 9-11

**MELISSA BUSHEY** Basketball 9, All American Scholar 10, International Foreign Language Award 10, NHS 11-12, WWAHS 10-12, National Leadership Service Award 10, Academic Letter 11

**HILLAREY BUTLER** Cheerleading 9-10, Gymnastics 9-10, HOSA 11-12, French Club 9-10



# Anything to Leave

*Students journey all over the state on field trips*

*What was your favorite field trip and why?*



"I don't know, I haven't been on that many, the Spanish trip in 11th grade was fun, we got to eat at Planet Hollywood." ~Renee Griffin

"It would definitely be the trip to Miami, that was definitely the most rewarding, there was a lot to do down there for colleges."

~Cramer Thompson



"Freshman year my English class went to see Romeo and Juliet, for English with Mrs. Steele, that was pretty cool."

~Nick Powers

"The Marine Biology Field trip this year was cool because we got to out on the boat."

~Karen Moore



"The Marine Science Field trip to the Baltimore Aquarium at the Baltimore inner harbor was cool because you had a lot of freedom and you got to walk around."

~Jonathan Catalano

During the school year the students at Stafford went all over the place in order to enhance their learning experience; of course there was also the possibility this was just to have fun. The students went from Virginia Beach, Baltimore Inner Harbor, Washington D.C., and into wonderful historical Fredericksburg. Some of the field trips got students out of school for the whole day, whereas some of the field trips didn't get students out of school at all. Yet no matter where they went, what class they went with, or who was going with them, students all looked forward to the day when they could just kick back and relax as opposed to going to class.

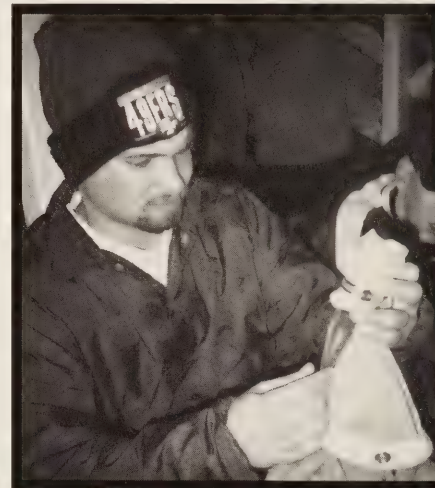
One of the most awaited field trips of the year is the one planned by Mr. Roger Brown for his Marine Science classes. Students were at the school loading supplies on the bus around 5:15 am so they could leave by 5:45 a.m.. After a three hour drive to Virginia Beach the students took a three hour boat ride. Yes, the vomit flew over the rail of the boat, on the boat and even on some innocent by-standers as some students realized that life on the sea was not for them. Omri Nassau explained, "I wish I hadn't felt so crappy on the boat ride." Deidra Mullins apparently felt otherwise with her reply of, "It was alright, I got to catch up on some sleep!" Students gathered specimens for their tanks. Sam Newsome said, "It was cool. I caught a sting ray for my tank."

The learn and serve group at SHS took their field trip to Mary Washington Hospital. Liz Lewis said, "I had four dollars worth of food and Jay Schmitz had fifteen dollars worth, it was the grossest thing you have ever seen, he acted like he hadn't eaten in years, there was so much food!" Mr. Powell took his classes on a trip into Fredericksburg to view different areas of the city. The class left during first period and came back before the day was over. Junior Lisa Mendoza sarcastically said, "We went into Fredericksburg. It was a really BIG and LONG trip!" Mr. "G" Brown took his sociology class to the Bangkok Cafe in downtown Fredericksburg on an after school field trip. His only words of wisdom were, "When they put something on your table don't squish your face all up say EWWW GROSS!" His other advice was, "The desert they serve will make your tongue smack your brains out." *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

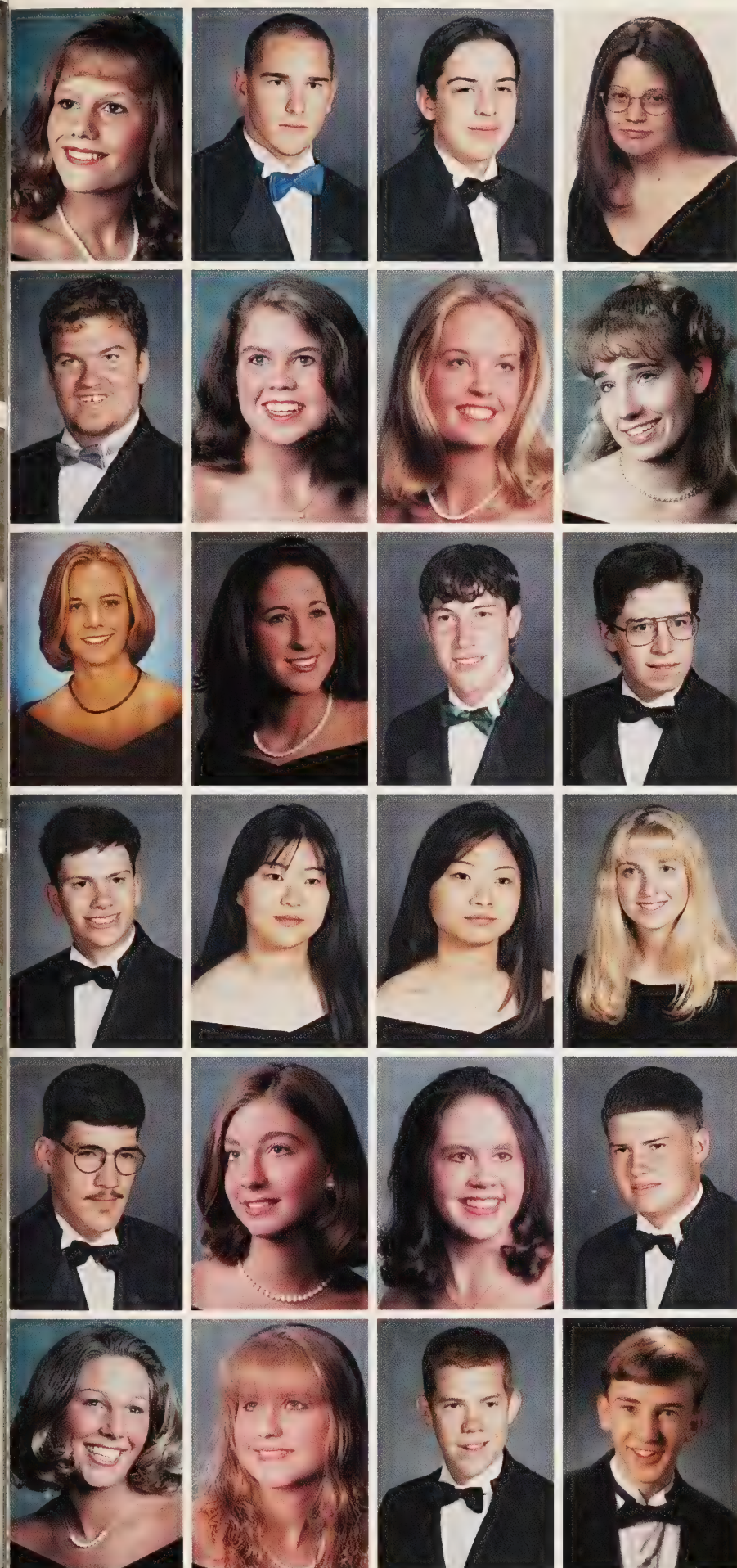
**Learning Experiences** Matt Deering plays with a contraption on the Marine Biology field trip. The students used these instruments to test the water quality of the bay. *Photo by Rita Stevens*

**Road Trip** Field trips were an exciting part of class and days students looked forward to. Billy Ice examines an object on the Marine Biology field trip to the Chesapeake Bay. *Photo by Rita Stevens*

**Technology Trip** Christian Hilchey studies an instrument before setting up the next experiment. Field trips introduced things you could not see in the classroom. *Photo by Rita Stevens*







**AMY BUTLER** Basketball 9-12; JV Captain, Softball 9-11, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, FBLA 11, NHS 10-12, Forensics 11-12, SCA Rep 9-11, Field Hockey 9-12  
**SEAN BYRNE** Football 9-12, Lacrosse 12, Cheerleading 12  
**RYAN CAHILL**  
**ANNA CALDWELL** Drill Team Manager 9-10, HOSA 11, COE 12

**CURTIS CALHOUN** Marching Band 9-12, Video Broadcasting I, II, FCA, TSA, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Madrigals 10-12, FCA Pres  
**LAURA CALLOWAY**  
**ELIZABETH CAMPBELL** Field Hockey 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Soccer 10-12, Key Club 9-12, NHS 10-12, Latin Club 10-12, Who's Who, Girls State  
**THERESA CARMICHAEL** Tennis 10, HOSA 10, Spanish Club 10-12, Latin Club 12, Key Club 11-12, FBLA 12

**CRYSTAL CARPER** Class VP 9-11-12, Field Hockey 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Soccer 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11  
**AMY CASCIO** Sr Secretary, Jr Treasurer, Freshman Class Reporter, C. Country 9-11, Basketball 9-12, Track 9-10, Soccer 10, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 11, Science Club 11, Peer Mediation 11-12, SSS 10-12  
**JONATHAN CATALANO** Wrestling 9-11, Spring Track 9-12, Key Club 10-12, German Club 12, Winter Track 11-12  
**NATHAN CHERRICO**

**KURT CHEWNING** Soccer 9-10, Golf 11-12, NHS 10-12, Key Club 10-12, VICA 10-12, German Club 9-11, TSA 9, Science Club 10  
**CECELIA CHO** NHS 10-12, NAHS 11-12, NFHS 11-12, French Club 11-12, Key Club 12, SSS 11-12, Student Ethnic Union 10-12, Jr Civitans 10-12  
**ELIZABETH CHO** NHS 10-12, NAHS 11-12, Key Club 12, German Club 10-12, Ethnic Union 12, SSS 11-12  
**ERICA CIVITARESE** Field Hockey 9, Softball 9-12, Latin Club 9

**ADAM CLARY** VICA 9-12, Masonry I, II  
**CHRISTINE CLEAVER** Spanish Club 10-12, Swimming 9-12, Young Republicans 10-12, Sec. 12, NHS 10-12, FBLA 10, Science Club 11-12  
**ANGELA CLINE** FBLA 2 years, Key Club 3 years, Vice-Pres. French Club 11, DECA 1 year  
**TODD COATES** Forensics 11-12, Golf 12, Key Club 9-11, Spanish Club 10, Teenage Republicans 10, 12, Treasurer 12, Video Yearbook 12

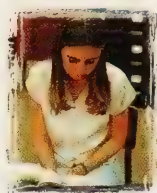
**LINDSAY COKER** Field Hockey 9-12, Soccer 9-12, Freshman Class Pres., Soph. Class President, SCA Vice President, Latin Club 9-10, Spanish Club 12, Key Club 9-12, Basketball 9-10, Senior Class President  
**CAMERON COLLINS** FBLA 10, VICA 12, CTE 12, Key Club 10, Child Care Occupations 11  
**TIMOTHY COMBS**  
**JEREMY CONRAD** NAHS 11-12, NHS 10-12, Yearbook 11-12, Key Club 10-11, Teenage Republicans 10, Spanish Club 9, Art 5



# Being a Senior

*After four years, the class of '98 prepares to graduate*

*What is your favorite part about being a senior?*



*"Waking up and realizing you're a senior. It's the best feeling in the world."*  
~Amy Spitler.

*"It's fun running into the underclassmen and knowing that they can't do anything."*

~Beth MacDonald.



*"It's great to know I can go on to a bigger and better life after this year."*  
~Bache Whitlock.

*"Finally knowing all the rules and how to get around them."*  
~Andi Bordick.



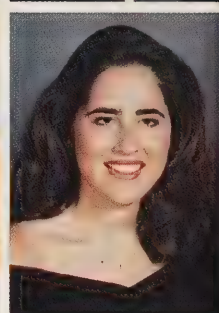
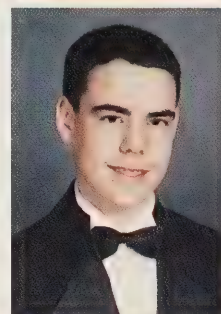
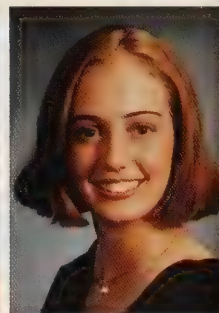
*"It feels fun. I like to bowl for freshman in between periods."*  
~Allyn Hood.

"I'm ready to leave now!" shouts Chad Martin, on the first day of school. Many students have been preparing for this year for the last three years. Seniors have been known to rule the school with an iron fist and this year was no exception. Seniors often used their high status to get revenge upon the meek. Brian Cook had this to say, "I couldn't wait for this year. After being pushed in the hallways my first two years I can finally return the favor and push the freshmen into their lockers." To many seniors this school year was the longest ever. Jill Strong summed it up best by saying, "After four long years I'm ready to leave." Others were sad to leave, Amy Casico remarked, "It's sad being a senior, knowing that it's my last year of high school." Many seniors had mixed feelings. Johnathan Catalano was quoted as saying, "I'll miss going to Stafford, but it's cool knowing it's our last year here." Some even use the powers of being a senior towards their advantage. Crystal Carper said, "It's fun cutting in lines, even if some freshmen don't like it." Even though not everyone will admit it, the class of 1998 will surely miss Stafford and we will miss them. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*

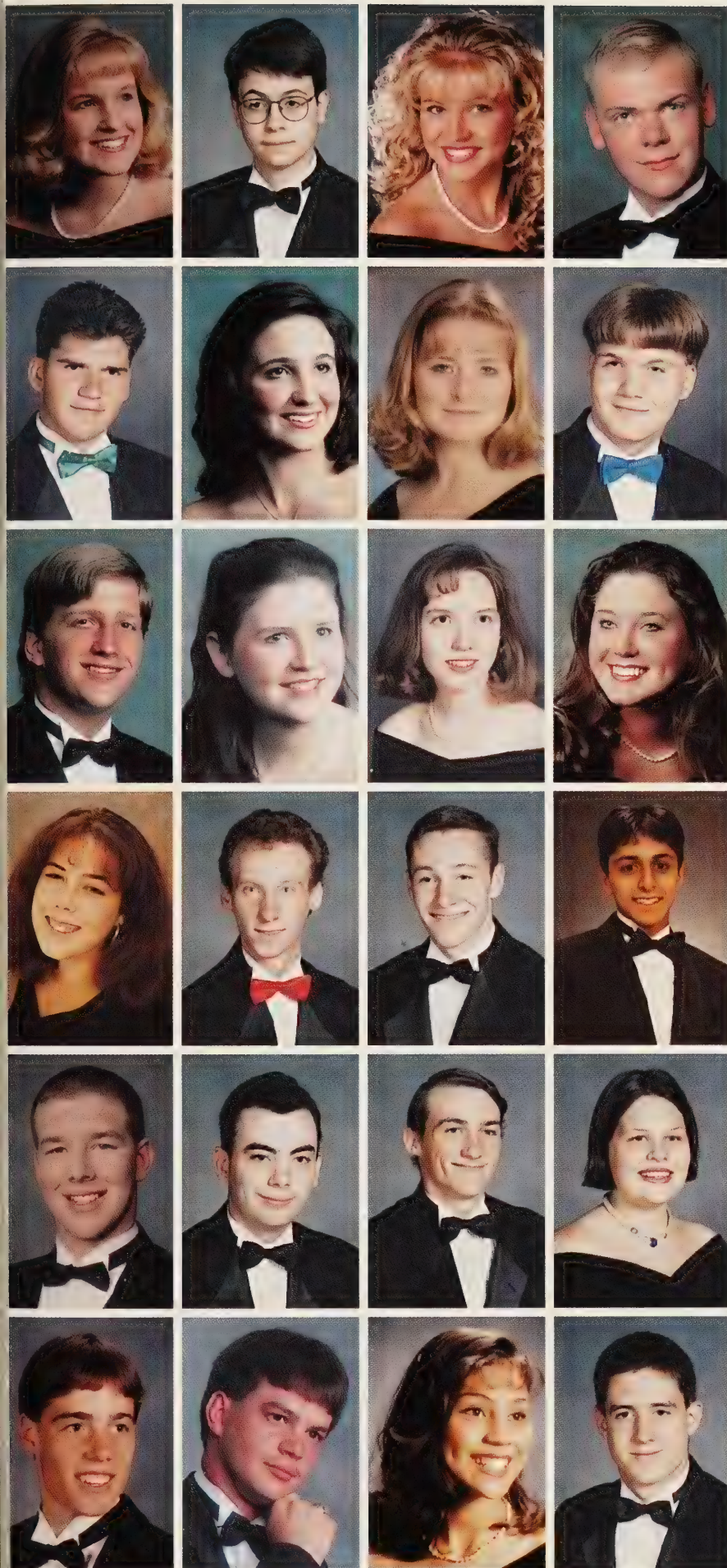
**And The Winner Is...** Amy Cascio and Coleman Tyson stand in front of the homecoming crowd after being named the homecoming king and queen. Even having the homecoming game postponed until Monday, the excitement and thrill of the game this year wasn't a letdown. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Cheeseburger Paradise** C.W. Harrison and Matt Kornietes joke around during lunch. One of the many advantages of being a senior came during lunch. Seniors had the opportunity to cut at the head of the lunch lines and sit in the carpeted area. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*







**JESSYE COOLEY** Cheerleading 9-12, Gymnastics 9-10, Spanish Club 10-12, Key Club 11-12, FBLA 9-10  
**COLLEEN CODNEY** Field Hockey 11-12, Basketball 9-12, Softball 9-12, Co-Captain 11  
**AMY COOPER** Key Club 9-12, Sec. 10, Lt. Gov. 11-12, Indianettes 10-12, FBLA 11-12, Latin Club 9-10, SSS 9-10, Y.Republicans 12, Yearbook 12.  
**CASEY COOPER** History Club 11-12, Key Club 12, Ethnic Alliance 12, Creative Writing 12  
**KIMBERLY COOPER** Cheerleading 9-12, Capt, Freshman Treasurer, Soph. Secretary, FBLA 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Key Club 11, NHS 11-12  
**MICHAEL COOPER** Jazz Band 10-12, Marching Band 9-12, Key Club 11-12, Spring Track 12  
**THOMAS COPPAGE** TSA 10-12, German Club 9-10, Science Club 11  
**GEORGE CORNWELL** Basketball 9, 11-12, Baseball 10-12, Latin Club 9-11, TSA 10, 12, Historian 12  
**CHRISTOPHER COX** Football 9-12, Soccer 10, Weightlifting  
**EMILY CRABTREE** Secretary HOSA 12, Latin Club 9-12, Environmental Club 9-10, Sports Medicine 10-11, Key Club 9, Science Club 10  
**AMY CRAFT** Softball 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, FBLA 10, Forensics 11-12, Drama 9  
**JUSTIN CRITZER** Jazz Band 9-10, Key Club 9-10, Latin 8-10

**MICHAEL CROSNICKER** NHS 10-12, Swimming 9-12, Cross Country 11, Key Club 9-12, Track 10, Spanish Club 9,11-12, Y. Republicans 12, Who's Who 11  
**KRISTEN CROWLEY**  
**STEVEN CULL** Lacrosse 9-12  
**SARAH DANZI** FBLA 9, Young Democrats 9-12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, SSS 9, Smoke Signal 12  
**ANNE DAVIDSON**  
**CHRISTINA DAY** Softball 9, Spanish Club 9-10, Young Republicans 11, French Club 11-12, VICA 12, Key Club 10-11, FBLA 9-10

**ADAM DEANGELO**  
**MATTHEW DEERING** French Club 10-11, Science Club 12, Students Serving Stafford 10, Technical Drama 12  
**MICHELLE DEGRANDIS**  
**JASON DENGLER**  
**MICHAEL DENNING** Marching Band 9-10, FBLA 11, Key Club 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12, History Club 11, Student Ethnic Alliance 11  
**JAY DESAI** Key Club 11, Spanish Club 11-12, History Club 11, SADD 11, Ethnic Union 11, Science Club 11

**KRISTI DIXON** Cheerleading 9-12, Capt. 10, 12, Softball 9-12, Class Secretary 9-10, SCA Rep. 9-11, Sec. 12, Key Club, FBLA, Spanish Club  
**ALLISON DOBSON** French Club 9-12, FBLA 3 years, SADD 1 year  
**MATTHEW DONALDSON** Outstanding Male Freshmen, Who's Who 10-12, J.V. Basketball 10, NHS 10-12, Latin Club 9-12, Environmental Club 10-12, Science Club 9-12, Key Club 9-12, Boy's State 11, Drama Club 10, SCA v.p. 11, President 12, rep. 10, Teenage Republicans 12  
**BRENT DOOLEY** FBLA 12, TSA 12  
**KRIS DORSEY** Carpentry I and II VICA 10-12  
**JANET DOUBERLY** Advanced Drama 11-12, Drama Club 9-12, Show Choir 9, Girl's Ensemble 10, Madrigals 11-12, Young Democrats 12

**ADAM DOWLING** Basketball 9-10, Swimming 11,12, Golf 11,12, Tennis 12, NHS 10-12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, FBLA 10  
**ALEXANDER DOYAL** Basketball 9-12, Track 10-12, Madrigals 9-12, Pres 12, Boys State 11, NHS 11-12, Young Republicans 10-12, VP 12, Cheerleading 12, Who's Who 11, Key Club 10-12, FCA 12, FOCUS 9-12  
**ROBERT DOYLE** Soccer 9-12, Cross Country 12, FBLA 12  
**KEVIN DRURY** Football 9, DECA 10-12, Baseball 9-12  
**MELISSA DUER** French Club 9-12, FBLA 10-12, VICA 12  
**MATTHEW DURSA** Swimming 9-12, Football 9-11, FBLA 11, Interact 11-12, Key Club 11-12, Teenage Republicans 12, TSA 12



SUSAN DYSON FHA, HERD, VICA  
 MISTY EAGAL  
 KATRINA EAST Drill Team 11-12, Creative Writing 11-12, Smoke Signal 12  
 MICHAEL EUBANK  
 SEAN FARMER Basketball 9-10, Key Club 10-12, Yearbook 11-12  
 RANEE FETHERMAN NAHS 10-12, Lit. Mag. 12, Habitat for Humanity

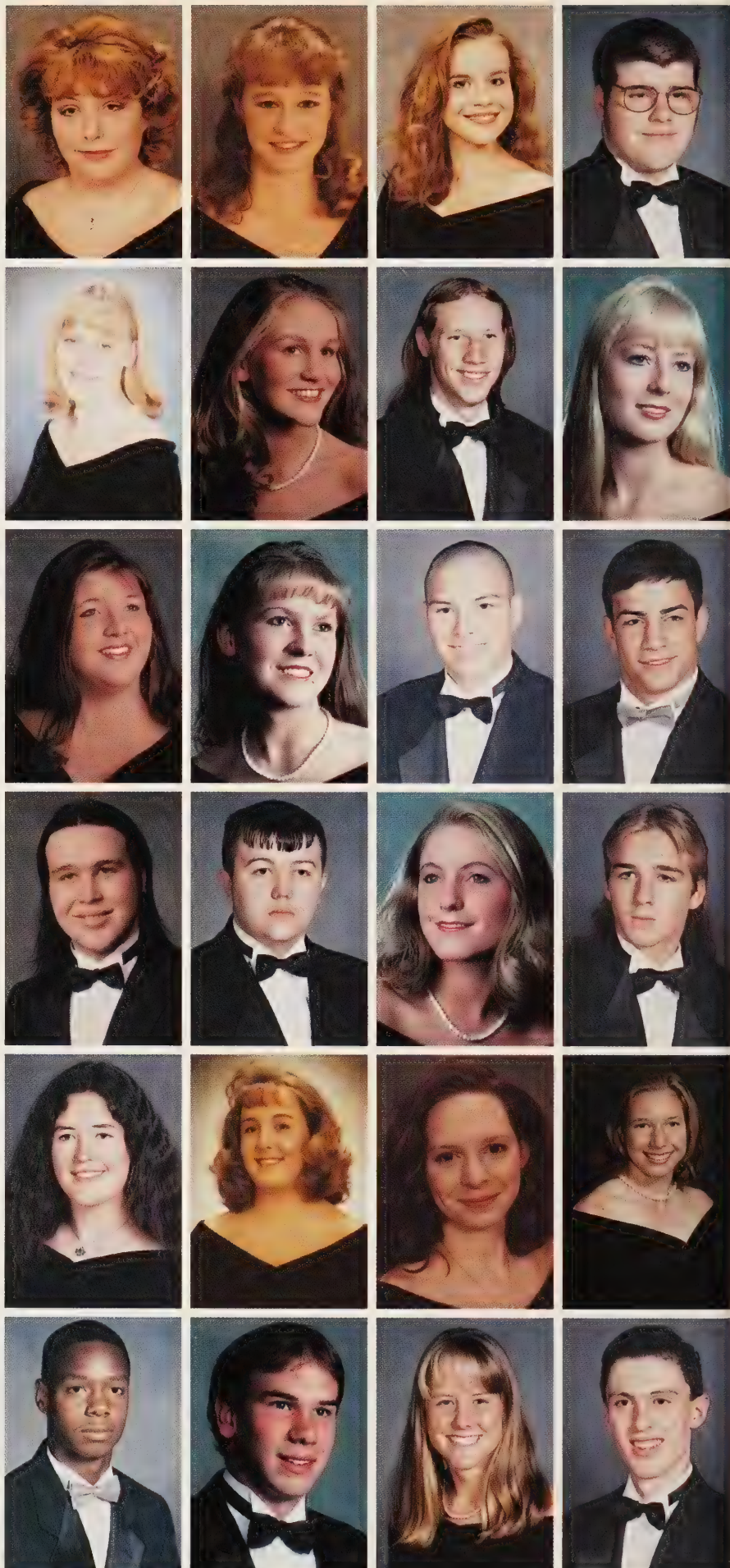
JACLYN FISHER FBLA 10, FHA 10  
 JOANN FISHER Cheerleading 10-11, Key Club 9, French Club 12, Learn and Serve 12  
 JUSTIN FITZGERALD  
 AMBER FLIPPO German Club 9-12, Secretary 10, Vice President 11, Treasurer 12, SADD 11-12, Vice President 11, Key Club 11, FBLA 10, NAHS 11-12  
 DEFRAntZA FLUELLEN  
 STEVEN FOWLER Auto Mechanics I and II CTE, Art I, Home Economics I, Tech Foundations

JEAN FOX National Art Honor Society 11-12, Focus 9-12, Latin Club 10, FBLA 10  
 BESSIE FRIEND HOSA 11, COE 11-12  
 JACOB GADD Football 10, 12, Spanish Club 10-12, FBLA 11-12  
 TERRENCE GALLIVAN Wrestling 9-12, Football 9, Key Club 10-11, Young Republicans 12, Spanish Club 12, Science Club 12  
 KRISTEN GALYEN Latin Club 9-10, FBLA 12  
 CHADD GARDNER CTE I, VICA 11-12, Auto Mechanics I, II, FBLA 10

FRANK GARDNER  
 MARK GARRISON, JR. German 9-10  
 KRISTINA GATES Track 9, Gymnastics 9-10, Cheerleading 9-12, Spanish Club, 9-10, FBLA 9-10, HOSA 11-12, NHS 12  
 JOHN GAYLE, JR. Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 9, Wind Ensemble 10-12, Jazz Band 10-12, Drum Line Captain 12  
 KATRINA GILBERT DECA 11  
 ROBERT GILLISPIE

EMILY GILMORE  
 PATRICIA GIPSON FHA 9-12, Treasurer 10, President 11-12, FBLA 9, Drama 9-12, German Club 9-11, WWAHS 10-12  
 SHANNON GLASSHOFF  
 EMILY GODFREY Key Club 9-12, NHS 10-12, Secretary 12, Varsity Swim Team 9-12, Spring Track 9-11, Cross Country 9-11, WWAHS  
 DACIA GOLDMAN Field Hockey 10, Tennis 11, Key Club, Yearbook 11-12, Latin Club 10, 12, French Club 9, FBLA 10, SSS  
 RYAN GORMAN NHS 10-12, NAHS 11-12, Treas. 12, Spanish Club 12, Swimming 9-12, Y. Republicans 10-11, Science Club 10, Key Club 9-12, Math Club 11, FCA 12, Chemistry Olympiad 11, Governor's School 9-12

ERIC GREENE Basketball 9-12, Baseball 11-12  
 RICHARD GREENLAW Varsity Soccer 9-10, 12  
 RENEE GRIFFIN Cross Country 9-12, Spring Track 9-12, Outdoor Track 11-12, Key Club 10-12, NHS 11-12, SADD 12  
 TIMOTHY GRIFFITH Marching Band 9, Spanish Club 9-12, FBLA, 12, Karate 9-12  
 SILKE GUNTNER Marching Band 12, History Club 12, Wind Ensemble 12, Madrigals 12  
 THOMAS HAGERTY Soccer 9-12, Wrestling 9-12





# How many Hours?

*Students work on their own curriculum.*

One-hundred and fifty hours, and that's just average, is the minimum requirement to complete an independent study. Just beginning to become known and expected the focus room is booming with new students.

What is an independent study? "A way to incorporate something I enjoy into learning," Brendan Ahearn defined. This may sound fun and easy, however setting up your own schedule, learning format, and assignments can be difficult and challenging.

D.D. Bevan feels the course is, "rather interesting because you have to teach yourself and have your own schedule." The topics range from Japanese studies to independent publishing to pottery art to even river studies. The class becomes a nice break from the routine of "boring schoolwork" by allowing a student to learn information they enjoy and are interested in. *Story by Andi Bordick.*

*What do you do for your independent study?*



*"I teach myself pottery and how to use a ceramic wheel."*  
~D.D. Bevan

*"Working with the river and its ecology and the critters!"*  
~Brendan Ahearn

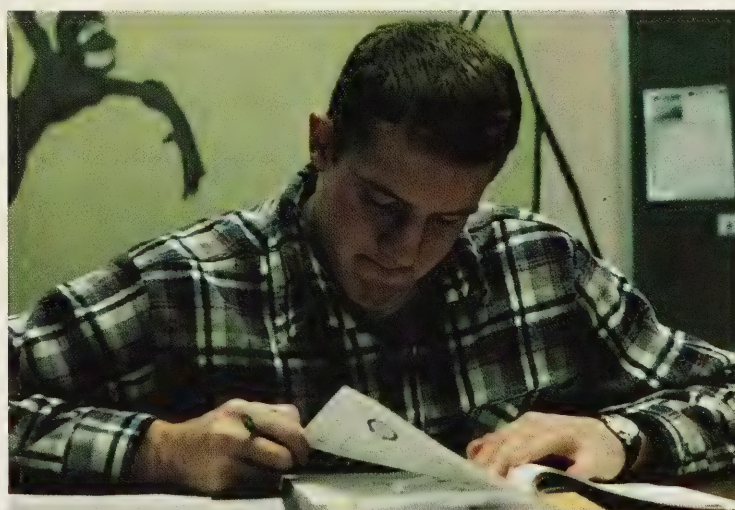


*"I want to be a pediatrics doctor, so I try to do work with the hospital and research pertaining to that."* ~Ashley Sission

*"I watch TV. to learn Japanese, I'm in my second year."* ~Karen McGillicuddy



*"I did do work with computers, but now I write stories."* ~Ari Rothman



## Robo-Ryan

Working on his independent study, Ryan Swierk concentrates on studying robotics. The challenge of an independent study is often harder than first expected. Ryan felt that this would be something practical for his future. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**Potter** Working diligently, Jean Fox throws a pot on the potter's wheel. Spending long hours, her independent study involved the pottery making process. *Photo by Rita Botts.*





# Life After School?

*After the last bell rings the fun continues*

*What do you do after school for fun?*



"Hang out with friends... not much really."  
~Katherine Kimbrell

"Going to work and homework is 'after school fun'."  
~Adrienne Brown



"I go to Subway and eat a BMT, no tomatoes or olives."  
~Micheal Crosnicker



"Field hockey!!"  
~Katie K., Elizabeth Cambell, & Crystal Carper



"Umm... nothing."  
~most of Stafford

For most school is just a beginning to the work day. Many students have little time for socializing and privacy, before they must run to work to make a pretty penny. From fellow Taco Bell workers the common phrase was, "everyone goes to Taco Bell," however, most wish they weren't there. Teachers alike went to another job or even more classes. Mr. Driver kept busy with a college class and on various nights another job.

Sports practices, and games and/or matches kept athletes physically and mentally drained. Ryan Clore stated, "After school hangouts... that would be football." Sports took up months of time and dedication, but in the end the reward of the team and season overtook the pressure.

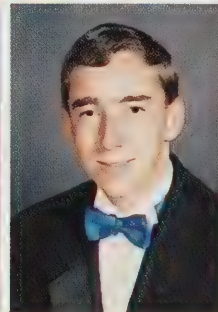
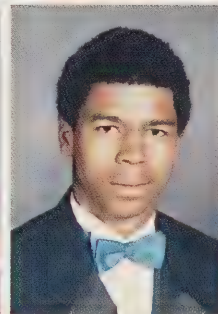
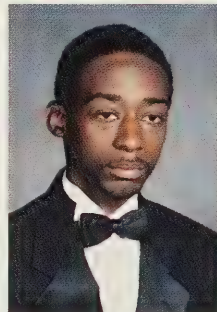
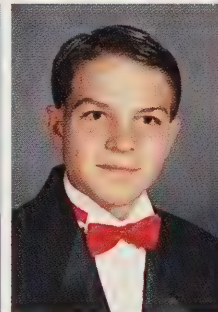
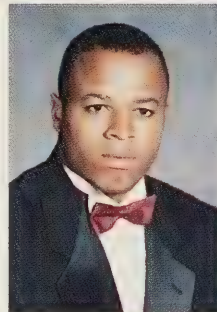
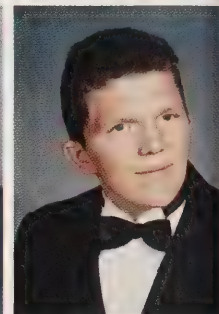
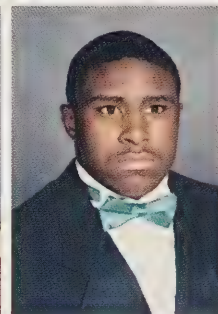
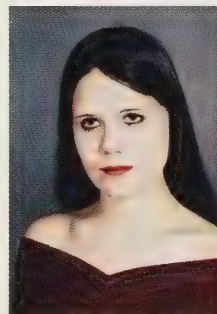
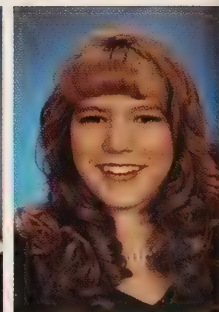
Yet there were still students who found time for fun and games. Many guys such as Matthew Dursa, Coleman Tyson, and Alex Doyal enjoyed the cooling temperatures of the Rappahannock, but disliked the shivers and debris, common of the water.

"Just chillin'," was another familiar description of just being with friends and trying to stay out of trouble. When asked, Stephanie Murray put "life after school" just right, "I'm still trying to think of something." *Story by Andi Bordick.*

**Tail Gaters** Kurt Chewning and Katie Kolakowski try to stuff in a quick bite before the game. Joking around with friends was a good way to spend the time before a football game. *Photo by Sean Farmer*



**Elysiun** Kyle Rose and Nathan Compton strum out another tune for an excited crowd. Their band "Elysiun" played at many town gatherings, and open band sessions. Other band members included: Jason Ayers and Gabe Compton.







**SARAH HALL** Cheerleading 9-11, Athletic Training 9-11, Basketball 9-10, FBLA 9-10, Latin Club 9-10, Literary Mag 10, Learn and Serve

**AMBER HALVORSON**

**BONNIE HAMILTON** Cheerleading 9-10, DECA, Sec. 11, Vice Pres. 12

**JOSEPH HARDING** Football 9, Wrestling 9-10, Tennis 12, Drama Club 9-12, Latin Club 9-12, SCA Representative 9-10, DECA Club 12, Science Club 9, Newspaper Staff 12

**AARON HARWELL**

**ERIKA HAVASY** Senior Class Treasurer, VA Girl's State, Softball 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Field Hockey 9, Key Club 9-12, Y. Republicans 12

**WILLIAM HAYES** Baseball 10-12

**SUZANNAH HENDELL** Literary Magazine 11, Drama 9-11

**CHARLES HENDERSON** Football 9-12, Wrestling, Chorus, Adv. Marketing

**MICHAEL HENDERSON**

**HEATHER HENKEL** SADD 11-12, HOSA 12

**LAURA HICKMAN**

**JAMIE HICKS** SADD

**MELANIE HILL** Marching Band 9-12, NHS 10-12, French Club 9-10, FBLA 11, Key Club 12, TSA 12

**JEROME HILL** Football, Basketball

**MARK HLYWA** TSA 11, FBLA 9-10, Spanish Club 12

**ALLYN HOOD** Cross Country 9-11, Winter Track 12, Soccer 9-12, Latin Club 9, Spanish Club 10

**BRANDON HUFFMAN** Baseball 10-12, Football 9, Wrestling 10-11

**MELISSA HUGHES** SSS 9-10, DECA 10-12, Secretary 10, President 11-12, HOSA 10, Key Club 11-12, Latin Club 12, Student Alliance for Ethnic Unity 12, FBLA 12

**PAUL HUGHES** Football 9-12, FBLA 10-12, NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12

**BILLY ICE** Lacrosse 9-12, football 10, 12, Wrestling 11

**JAMAAL JACKSON** Basketball, Tennis, Baseball

**KATHERINE JACOBY** SCA Treasurer 12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Interact Club 11-12, Field Hockey 9-10, FCA 12

**RACHEL JARNECKE** Soccer 9-12, Swimming 10-12, Interact 11-12, Spanish Club 12

**MICHELLE JENKINS** Environmental Club

**DAVID JETT** Football 9, Drama Club 9-12, VICA 11,

**DANIEL JEWELL** Auto Mechanics I, II, TSA 9, VICA 11-12

**RYAN JOHNSON** FBLA 10, Step Club 12, Ethnic Alliance

**LAURA JANE JOHNSON** NHS 10-12, French Club 10-12, Co-President 12, PR Committee 11, Wind Ensemble 10-12, Marching Band 9-12

**EDWARD JOHNSON** Football 9-12, Track 9-12, Weightlifting 11-12

**NAOMI JOLLEY**

**SARAH JONES** Indianettes 9-12, officer 11, Co-Captain 12, Key Club 9, 12, French Club 12, Ethnic Union 11

**MELEANA KALA**

**WILLIAM KEINER** Basketball 9-12, German Club 9-12, Key Club 12

**CRYSTAL KELLEY** Cosmetology 11-12, VICA 12

**ERIN KERBY** Key Club 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Girl's Ensemble 10, 12, Madrigals 11-12, Latin Club 9-11, Choral Boosters 11-12, Wrestling Mgr 10, SSS 10-12

**SHAUN KERR** Soccer 9-12, FBLA 9-12, Spanish Club 11, SADD 12, Track 12, Key Club 12

**KATHERINE KIMBRELL**

**DANIELLE KING** Cheerleading 9-11, Latin Club 9-11, SCA Rep. 11, Key Club 9-11, Yearbook 10-12, People Editor 12

**KATHRYN KOLAKOWSKI** Key Club 9-12, Enviro. Club 11-12, Spanish Club 12, Soccer 9-12; Co-Capt. 11, Field Hockey 9-12, Sr Class Reporter

**BRIAN KOPPEL** VICA 11-12, Eagle Scout Rank 1997

**MATTHEW KORNIOTES** Wrestling 9-12, Lacrosse 10-12, Key Club 9-12, Latin Club 9-10, NHS 12, SSS 12, Video 11, Drama 9, Latin 9-10, TSA 11



**CHRISTOPHER KRAUS** Football 9-12, Lacrosse 9-12, Wrestling 10, NHS 11-12, Key Club 12, Boy's State 11  
**ELIZABETH KRAVETZ** NAHS 11-12, Yearbook 12, Young Democrats 9-12, NHS 12, Chess Club 9-11, Band 9-10, Focus 9-12, Who's Who 12  
**LISA LANHAM**  
**YUNG LAU**  
**ROMAIN LEBORGNE** Band 12, Basketball, Marching Band  
**SARAH LEIMER**

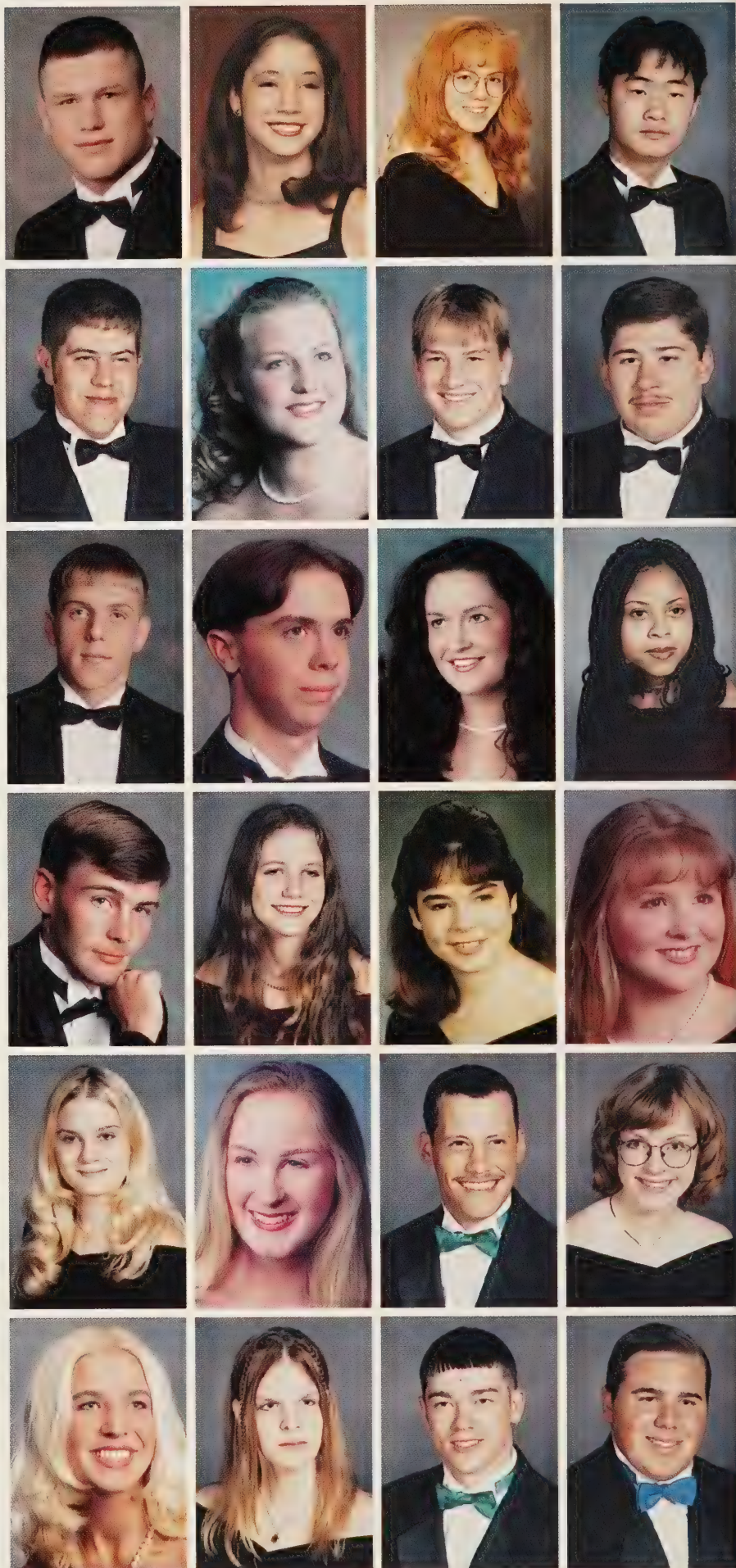
**KIRK LEWIS** Football 9-11, Baseball 9-10, Spanish Club, FFA, VICA  
**NADYA LIEB**  
**CHRISTIAN LINCOLN** CSA Rep. 9, 11, Tennis 9, 12, Lacrosse 11, Chess Club 11-12, Young Republicans 10-12, Ethnic Union 10-11, Spanish Club 9  
**JAMES LOCKLEAR, III** FBLA 9-11, FHA 12  
**AMANDA LONG**  
**JAMES LOVING** Masonry I and II, Auto Mechanics I, VICA 11-12, Construction 9, Tech Foundations 12

**JOHN LOVING** Basketball 9-11, FBLA 10-12, Spanish Club 10-11  
**RYAN LYNCH** FBLA, Spanish Club  
**BETHANY MACDONALD** Soccer 11-12, C. Country 12, Winter Track, Key Club 9-12, French Club 9-12, Latin Club 10-12 Sec. 11, SSS 9-12, SCA Rep. 9-12, SADD 9-12, WWAAHS, Peer Mediators 11-12, Smoke Signal 11-12  
**CONSQUILA MAJORS** FBLA 9, Basketball Mgr 9, FBLA 11-12, SADD 11-12  
**CHAD MARTIN** Wrestling 9-12, Football 9, 12, Track 9-12, Lacrosse 10-12, Cheerleading 12, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, French Club 11, Science Club 10  
**HUNTER MATHESON**

**LOWELL MCCAIN** Carpentry I, VICA 11-12, ICT  
**JENNIFER MCGEE** Environmental Club 11-12, Literary Magazine 11-12, Creative Writing Club 12  
**AMANDA MCKENNY** Cosmetology 11, VICA  
**KERRY MCKINNON** Tennis 12, FBLA 10-12; President 11; Treasurer 12, Newspaper Staff 12; Layout Editor, Key Club 10-12, Latin Club 9-12, NHS 12, Drama Club 9-10, Young Republicans 12, Junior Civitans 12  
**DARRELL MCMURRAY** Auto Mechanics 11-12, Football 9, Technical Drama, Technical Foundations 10  
**HEATHER MCNULTY** Drill Team 9-12, Co-Captain 2 years, Key Club 11-12, SADD 12, Treasurer, FCA 9, 12, Latin Club 10-12, Choir 9-10, FBLA 12

**MELODIE MCPHERSON**  
**SARAH MCPHERSON** Literary Magazine 10, Environmental Club 10-12, Key Club 9-10, Spanish Club 12, Focus 9-12, Creative Writing 10  
**RAYMOND MEADOWS** Masonry I and II DECA, VICA, Food Occupations  
**KRISTA MEARS** Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-11, Spring Track 9-12, Winter Track 9, 12, FBLA 11  
**SAMANTHA MENCL** Drafting 1, FHA  
**RACHEL MICER**

**CAROLINE MILES** Key Club 9-12, Latin Club 9-11, Science Club 9-12, Basketball 9, Cheerleading 10-11, Softball 10  
**ANDRIA MILEY** Swim Team 9-12, Environmental Club 11-12, VICA 11  
**BRANDON MILLER** FBLA 9-11, HOSA 12, Spanish Club 9, Ethnic Alliance 12  
**NATHAN MILLER** Football Trainer 9-12, Basketball Trainer 10-12, Soccer Trainer 10-12, Sports Medicine I and II, Learn and Serve  
**KAREN MOORE**  
**DEIDRA MULLINS**









# What next?

*Making the Big Decision on the future.*

*What do you plan to do once you get into college?*



"Party."  
~Rodney Newton

"I definitely want to go into broadcast journalism."  
~Missy Bushey



"Be all I can be in the Army."  
~Matt Thompson

"Probably some kind of business, but it is too early to tell."  
~Melissa Pimberton



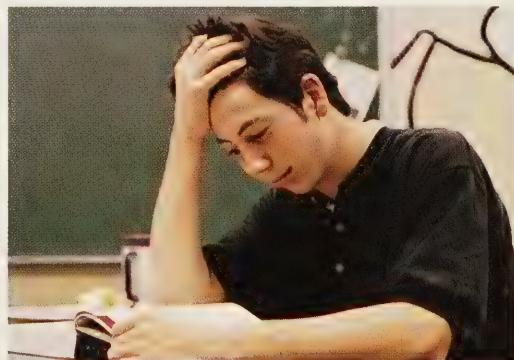
"Hopefully, Veterinarian School."  
~Jennifer Phelps

The most frequently asked question to seniors is "Where do you want to go to college?", and the answer is "I don't know." College is one of the biggest decisions seniors have to make. Some seniors, like Christie Cleaver aren't looking forward to the painful task of filling out those obnoxious applications. "College applications take a long time to fill out. There are usually three pages or more, and then the essay." To sum it up, Amanda Sparks commented "Applying is VERY stressful."

Some seniors have it easy because they already have their hearts set on a college. "I spent my summer touring different colleges, but my favorite one was Radford," said Katie Roberts. On the other hand, Matt Thompson has his heart set for VMI. "I just want to be a rat."

Besides the task of filling out the applications and making one of the most important decisions in your life, almost every senior is looking forward to college. Chris Kraus remarked "College is going to be a great experience and I can't wait to go." Another excited senior, Ryan Gorman, said "College is a lot of hard work, but it is the most exciting time of your life."

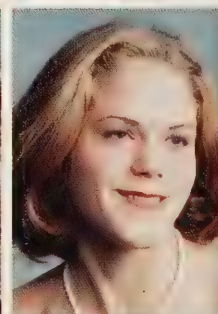
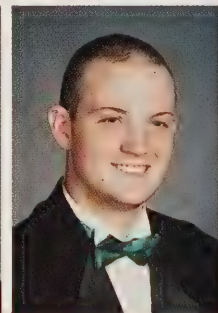
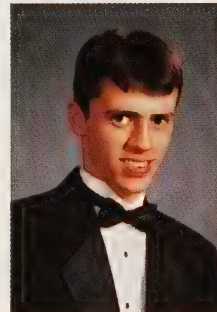
All in all, seniors are excited about going to college, just not about making the big decision. Meanwhile, seniors are just worried about the immediate future, like Mike Denning said, "I just want to graduate." *Story by Amy Cooper.*



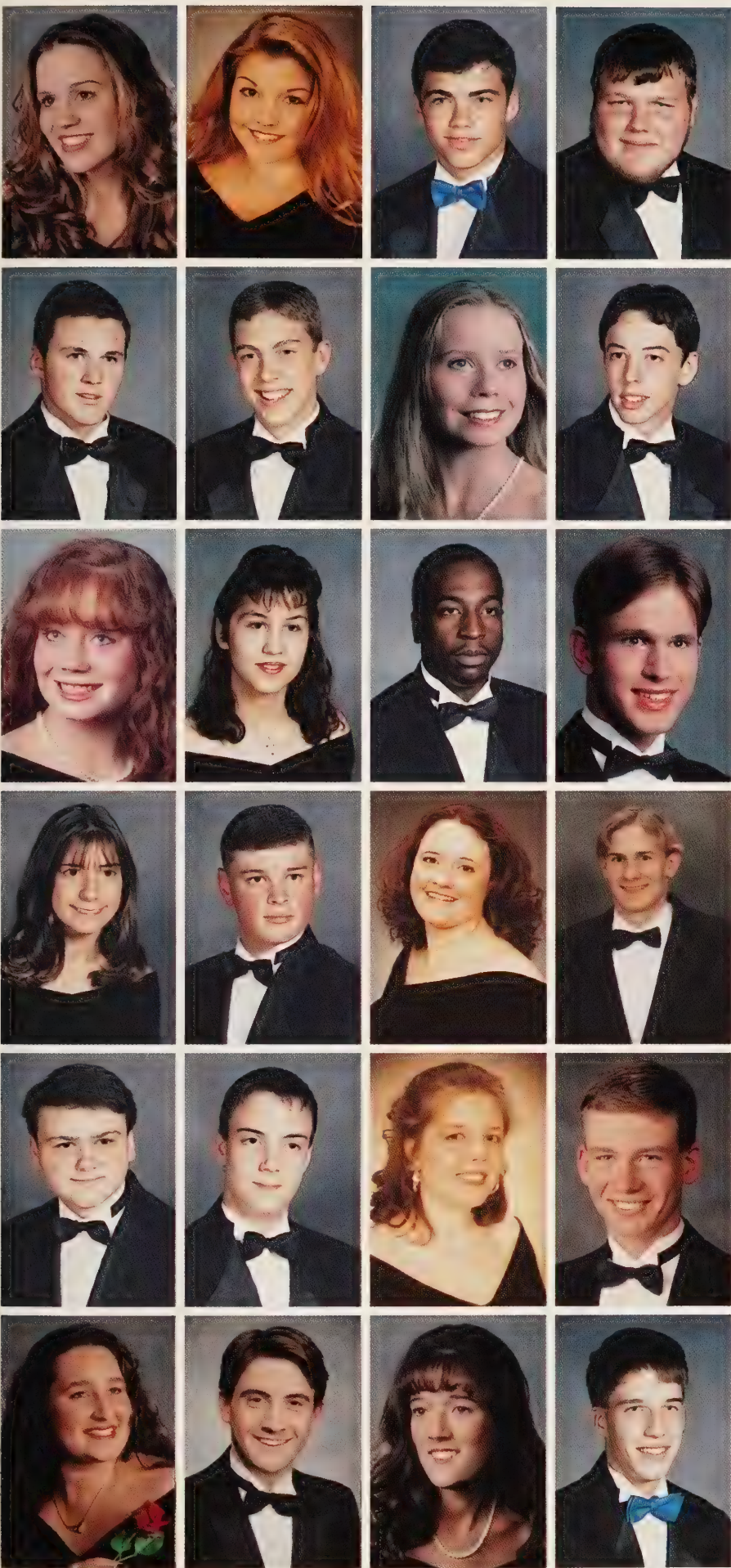
**Will It Ever End?**  
Morgan Baker studies intensely for a test. Seniors couldn't do too much slacking, because of those college transcripts. Hopefully, it was worth it when those acceptance letters started coming in the mail. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



**The Search Is On!** Starring endlessly at the computer, Alex Doyle is typing in information for college searches. Seniors spend most of the fall searching for the right college. Alex wanted to go to William and Mary. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*







**SEAN MULLINS** Marching Band 9-11, FBLA 10-12, Junior Civitans 10-12, President 12, Teenage Republicans 10, Co-op 12

**MELISSA MULLINS** Softball 9-12, NHS 12, Spanish Club 12, Learn and Serve 12

**KIMBERLY MURPHY** Indianettes 10-12, SCA Rep. 11, Peer Mediator 11-12, Key Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, SSS 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, FCA 12, Yearbook Sales Editor 11-12, FBLA 10, Science Club 11-12, Latin Club 11

**STEPHANIE MURRAY**

**CRYSTAL MUSSELMAN** Auto Mechanics 11-12, VICA

**DMRI NASSAU** Wrestling 9-12, Chess Club 9-10, Latin Club 9-11, Environmental Club 12, NHS 12, Key Club 12

**CHARLES NAVE** Masonry 11-12, CTE 11-12

**KAREN NAVE**

**JOHN NEAL**

**RODNEY NEWTON** FBLA 9, 11-12, Latin Club 8-11, TSA 11-12, Key Club 9-12

**TIMOTHY NIMMO** Latin Club 9-12, Baseball 10-12, TSA 11, FBLA 12

**MARK NISLEY**

**KATHRYN NUCKOLS** B.O.B. 11-12, NHS 10-12, FOCUS 9-12, Color Guard 10-11, Wind Ensemble 10-12, Latin Club 9, FBLA 10, Spanish Club

**JOSEPH OCHELTREE** Winter Track 9-12, Spring Track 9-12, FBLA 9-10

**ERIC OGILVIE**

**REBECCA OLIVER** Drama Club 9-11, Literary Mag. 10-11, Newspaper 12, Focus 9-12, Environmental Club 9-12, Latin 9-11

**CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ**

**STEPHANIE OTIS** Marching Band 9-12, Color Guard 12, Wind Ensemble 9-12, Latin Club 9, Spanish Club 10-12

**DENISE PAIGE**

**DWAINE PARKER** Football 9-10, Basketball 9-12, Track 10-12

**BRIAN PARKS** NHS 12, Spanish Club 9-11

**SEAN PAYNE** Soccer 9-10, VICA 11-12, Treasurer 12

**MICHAEL PAYNE** Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10-12, Wind Ensemble 10-12, German Club 11, Key Club 11-12

**WARREN PAYNE** Chess Club, VICA, Track, Winter Track, Wrestling, Football

**MELISSA PEMBERTON** FBLA 10-12, Spanish Club 10

**RAFAEL PENARANDA** CTE

**CHRISTINE PENN** FBLA 10, Orchestra 10-12, Spanish Club, DECA 12, SADD 12

**THOMAS PERRONE, III** Vice-Pres. German Club 10, J.V. Soccer 10, NHS 10-12

**JENNIFER PHELPS** Marching Band 9-11, Symphonic Band 9-11, Jr. Civitans 10-12, FBLA 10-12, Teenage Republicans 10

**KRISTIN PHILLIPS** DECA, TSA

**SARA PHILPOTT** Soccer 9-12, Basketball 9-11, Field Hockey 9-11, Latin Club 9-11, Key Club 9-12, FBLA 10, NHS 10-12, WWAHS 12, FCA 12, Junior Class Reporter, SCA Rep. 9, NAHS 12, Young Democrats 12

**BRIAN PITTS** FBLA 9-12, Pres. 12, Vice. 11, Spanish Club 9-12, NHS 10-12

**TIMOTHY PODLEISZEK** Jazz Band 11-12, German Club 10

**AIMEE POTTER** Spanish Club 11, FHA 11-12, Junior Civitans 12

**NICHOLAS POWERS** Swimming 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Co-Captain, Drumline 12, German Club 11, NHS 12

**JONATHAN POWNALL** Football 9-12, Lacrosse 11-12, Track 9, Spanish Club 11-12, Key Club 12, SADD 12, Weightlifting 9-12

**CHRISTOPHER PRESTON**

**MELANIE PRINCE** NHS 10-12, French Club 9, 11-12, Co-President 12, Key Club 9, 10-12, Smoke Signal 12, Young Democrats 12, SADD 12, Orchestra 9-11, NFHS 12

**ELISA PRITCHARD** Madrigals 11-12, Spanish Club 11, All Regional 10-11, SADD 12, Girls Ensemble 10

**DANIEL PYLE** Swimming 9-12, Lacrosse 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12

**HEIDI QUALLS** Spanish Club 11, DECA 11-12, DECA Reporter 11

**JEFFREY RAGER** Spanish Club 9-11, Baseball 12, Fall Baseball 11-12



**SCOTT RAMSBURG** Drama 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Forensics 12, Honor Society 10-12

**MEGAN RANDALL** Field Hockey 9, Basketball 9-10, Spanish Club 12

**JOHN RAPIER** Chess Club 9-11, Marching Band 9-12, Wind Ensemble 9-12, Jazz 10, Low Brass Section Leader 12

**JEANNE RECTOR** Junior Civitans, Historian 11, Vice Pres. 12, COE, SCA, Spanish club

**PATRICK REDDINGER**

**TERRENCE REDDINGER**

**MELISSA REEDY** Key Club 9-10, Latin Club 8-10, Spanish Club 11-12, Secretary 12, Math Club 9, Science Club 12, NHS 10-12, Young Republicans 9-12, Pres. 12, Ethnic Unity 10-11, Secretary 11

**SABRINA REEVE** Basketball 9-12, Softball 9-12, FBLA 12, Spanish Club 11, Junior Civitans 12

**EMILY RICHARDS** Recruiters 9-11; Co-Pres 9-11, FCA 12, Marching Band 9-10, Flag Guard 10, Literary Magazine 11, Video Broadcasting 12

**ANGELA RIOLD**

**KATHERINE ROBERTS** Latin Club 9-12 VP 12, NHS 10-12 VP 12, Drill Team 10-11, Key Club 10-12, Ethnic Union 11, Winter Track 9

**RHONDA ROBERTSON** FBLA 10, 12, COE 12, FHA 12

**BENJAMIN ROBINSON**

**MICKEIA ROBINSON** Basketball 9-10, Soccer 9-12, Winter Track 12, Step Team 12, Spanish club 9-10 12, FBLA 9-12, NHS 11-12, Who's who 10-11 FHA 10

**ROBERT ROBINSON** Soccer 9, FBLA 10, VICA 11-12, CTE I, II

**STEFANY ROBINSON** VICA 11-12, Cosmetology 11-12

**STARLA ROCKWELL**

**STACEE ROGERS** DECA 12

**JASON ROGERS**

**CHRISTOPHER ROGERS**

**JESSICA ROSE** Soccer 9-12, Yearbook 11-12, National Art Honor Society 11, Environmental Club 10-12, Literary Magazine 10, FOCUS 9-12, Latin Club 9-10, Newspaper 12, Creative Writing 10

**SUNDE ROSE**

**ANDREW ROWDON** Soccer 9-12, Wrestling 9-12, Lacrosse Announcer 11-12, Spanish Club 11-12, Technology Students of America 12, Key Club 12, Teenage Republicans 12, Interact Club 12

**MARY ROWE** French Club 10, Historical Society 10-11, Ethnic Unity 12

**JAMES RUPPERT** Wrestling 9

**TIFFANY RUTLAND** Color Guard 11-12, Show Choir 10-12, French Club 9, Science Club 11, SAEU 10, SADD 11, History Club 11

**RYAN SALE** CTE

**BRIAN SATTERWHITE** Football 9-12, Weightlifting 9-12, Wrestling 11-12

**TRAVIS SAUNDERS** Football 9-12, Track 11-12, Basketball 12, Weightlifting 9-12

**JAY SCHMITZ** Football 9-12, Captain 12, Baseball 9-12, Wrestling 9, Basketball 10, Weightlifting 9-12, Learn and Serve 12, Student Athlete Group 11-12, VICA 9-10

**LISA SCHREIBER** Interact Club 11-12, NHS 10-12, Key Club 11-12

**JACOB SCOTT** Football 9, VICA 11, DECA 12, TSA 10-12

**MICHAEL SEKELICK** Wrestling 9-10, VICA 11-12

**DAKIN SHARUM** German Club 9-12; Vice President 12, NHS 10-12

**ERIN SHEA** Spanish Club 10-11, SADD 12, Key Club 12, Latin Club 12

**ALLISON SHEPARD** Band 9-11, Softball 10, Twirler 9-10, Latin Club 9-11, FBLA 1-12, Science Club 11-12, Concert Band 9-12, Key Club 10, 12

**JEFF SIMMONS**

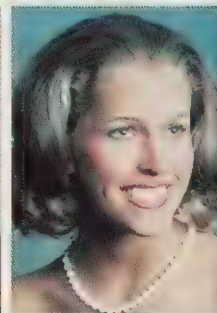
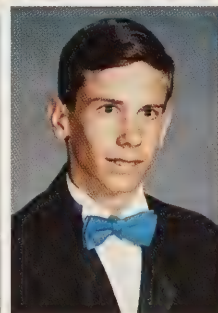
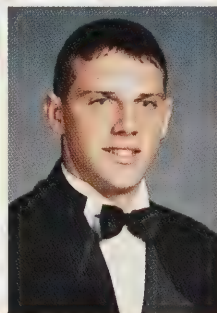
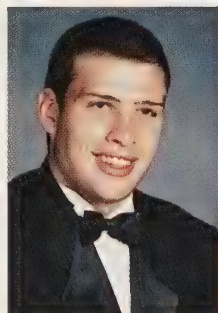
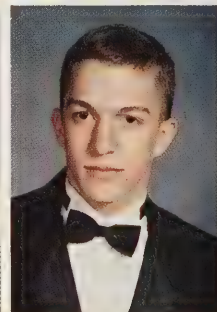
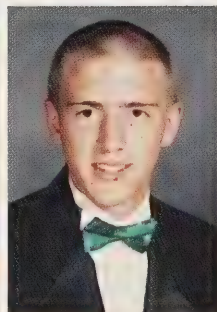
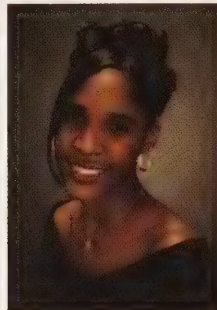
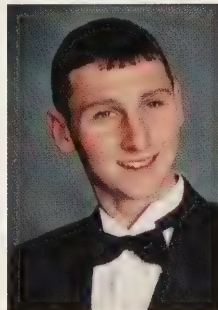
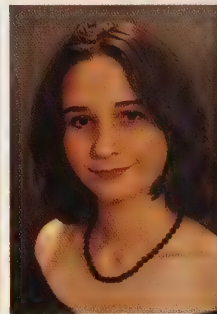
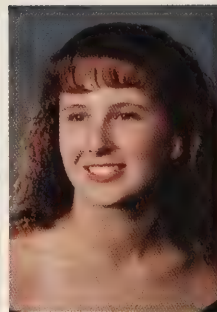
**ROBERT SISCO**

**ASHLEY SISSON** Tennis 9-12, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 11-12, Learn & Serve

**STEPHANIE SKEEN** Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 9-12, Wind Ensemble 12, Basketball 9, Spanish Club 9-11, Junior Civitans 12

**MARY SMART** Latin Club 9-11, Kickboxing 12, Environmental Club 9-10, Soccer 10-12, focus 9-12, FBLA 10, Yearbook 11-12, Powder puff 11-12, National Art Honor Society 11-12

**AMANDA SMITH** Spanish Club 9, 11, Y. Republicans 9, CTE 12, COE 11





# Making the Grade

*Putting in time for Advanced Placement classes*

We struggle to get the grades we want every day for seven periods while we're in high school. Many students will even go on to college and do the same for an average of four more years. Still, there are some students who just can't quite make it to college to start those college classes. "I have two A.P. classes," said Matt Donaldson, "because they count toward college, hopefully they will get me ready. I'm in A.P. Latin and Government and they're both really hard."

A.P. and other special classes, such as Dual Enrollment and advanced classes do require a lot of dedication and hours of extra work. Aside from getting you ready for college, these classes often cover topics that are more in depth and vast than regular classes. "Dual Enrollment Biology is fun and interesting 'cause you learn about the homosapiens of the universe!" Kristi Dixon shared. Who wouldn't enjoy learning about the homosapiens of the universe?

Whether A.P. and special classes are enrolled in for the extra information or for the preparation for college, students are giving their time and efforts to these special classes. "A.P. Government is hard but hopefully it will prepare me for the classes in college," Amber Flippo said. Getting a head start on college and learning something new all contributed to the popularity of A.P. and special classes at Stafford. *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*

**Deep in Thought** Kate Nuckols and Laura Calloway look over their work. The work was hard but the experience was a great reward. *Photo by Mary Smart*

*"Who is your favorite A.P. teacher?"*



*"Mr. Agnew was my favorite, his class was great and I learned a lot."*

*~Amber Flippo*

*"Mr. Agnew gave a lot of work, but I learned a lot in his class."*

*~Rita Botts*



*"Mr. Dayfield was really cool, he taught us a lot and gave us answers before our quizzes."*

*~Thomas Perrone*

*"Mr. Agnew was the only A.P. teacher I had, but I loved his class and learned a lot while I was in there!"*

*~Jean Fox*



**Making the Grade** Mr. Hinds instructs an A.P. student during his calculus class. A.P. classes allowed students to take college classes while they were in high school.

*Photo by Mary Smart*



# Leaders of '98

*Senior class reps are excited about the future*

*"What do the senior class officers do?"*



*"They plan fundraisers for the class."*  
~William Keiner

*"Nobody really knows."*  
~Mike Crosnicker



*"I don't know, they have the job of making sure we have a great senior year."*  
~Allison Dobson

*"Officers are important in school because they keep everything running."*  
~Justin Sterne



*"They are all girls aren't they?"*  
~Jonathan Catalano

*"Everything because they're awesome."*  
~Christie Cleaver and Erika Havasy



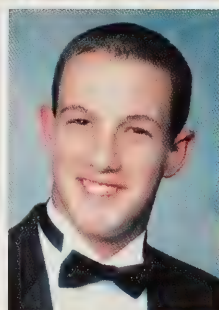
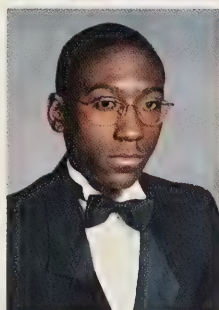
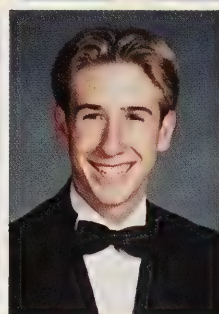
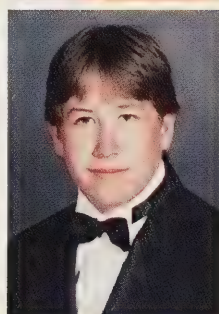
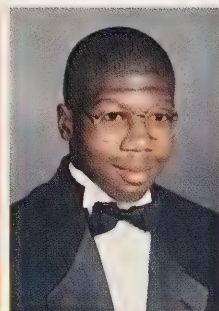
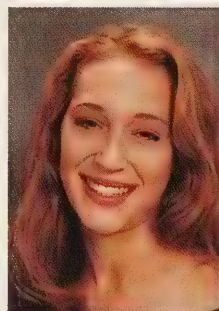
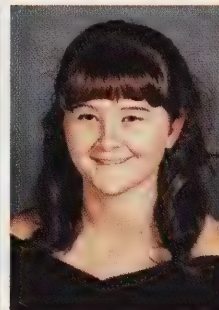
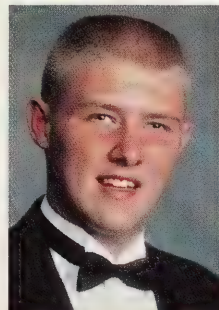
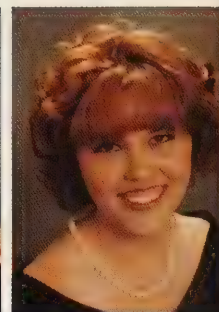
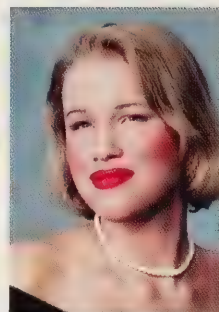
The officers of the senior class constantly find themselves subject to the advice of senior class representative, Mr. Bobby Jett. All of the officers were asked to put in much work and time during their senior year. Everyone had a different aspect of the class and meetings to focus on throughout the year and they also combined the work to get the job done, whether the task was preparation for such projects as fundraising, senior T-shirts or the homecoming float. Some of the jobs given to secretary Amy Cascio involved many different duties, she explains, "I have to write down everything that happens at the meetings, write everyone's name on the back of the senior class T-shirt and I also have to run errands for Mr. Jett."

All of this hard work was in order to make their senior year and the senior year for their classmates the best it could possibly be. Apparently Crystal Carper and Amy both agreed that the privilege of being a senior class rep. has its advantages with their simultaneous explanation of, "We love working with Mr. Jett on the different projects of the senior class." A few special bonuses are included for the officers like one in particular that impressed Katie Kolakowski who excitedly explained, "The best thing is that I get to graduate 5th in the class because I'm a class officer." Not everything can be made entirely fun as senior class treasurer Erika Havasy who said, "I write receipts and count money. I hate having to write purchase orders but I love being involved with the senior class!" *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

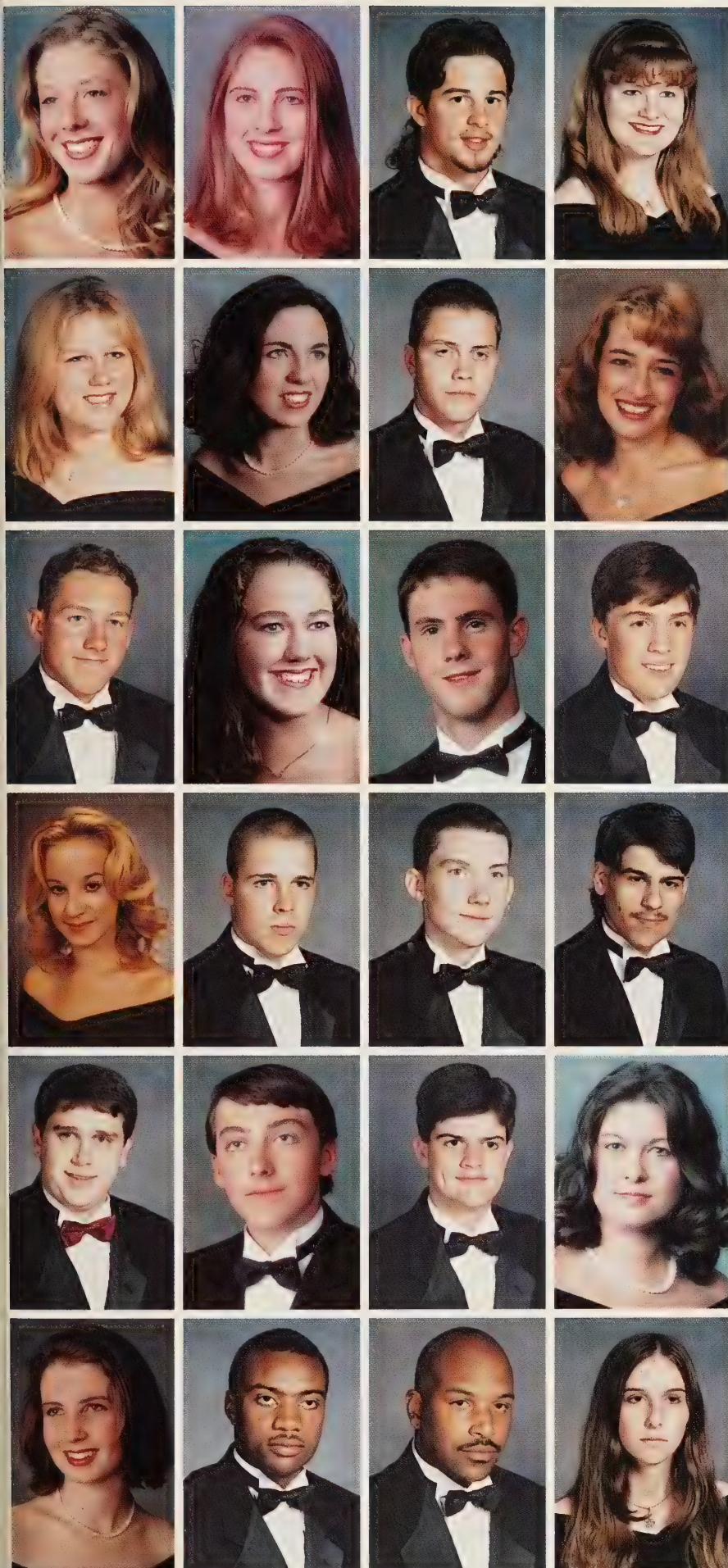
**What Is That?** Erika Havasy and Amy Cascio work on the computer in Mr. Jett's room. Mr. Jett was the class sponsor and the officers spent many hours working in his classroom. *Photo by Carin Stoelker.*



**Say Cheese!** The class officers, Crystal Carper, Lindsay Coker, Katie Kolakowski, Amy Cascio and Erika Havasy, take a break from helping serve and prepare refreshments at the 1997 Senior Dinner dance. *Photo by Robert Jett.*







**JENNIFER SMITH** Drama Club 9-12, Campaigners 9, SADD 11  
**AMANDA SPARKS** NHS 10-12, Softball, Junior Class Secretary, HOSA Secretary 11, Latin Club 9-12, VA Girl's State Alternate 11  
**MEGAN SPEICHER**  
**AMBER SPICER** Cheerleading 9-10, NHS 10-12, Key Club 10-12, FBLA 10, French Club 9-10, SCA, Governor's School  
**AMY SPITLER**  
**JONATHAN STEINMETZ** Varsity Wrestling 9-12, Football 9-10, 12, Masonry, Auto Mechanics, VICA  
**JESSICA STELLA** Cosmetology I, II, Show Choir 9-11, Choir 9-11, VICA 9-12, DECA 12

**JUSTIN STERNE** NHS 10-12, Span. Club 9-12, Key Club 10-12, Who's Who 11-12, Basketball 9, Science Club 10, Math Club 10-11, FCA 12, Span. Gov. School 12, Boy's State 11, Chem. Olympiad 10-11, Latin Club 12  
**DARLA STEVENS** Softball 9-12, F. Hockey 9-12, Basketball 9, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-11, Jr Civitans 10, FCA 12, Y.Repub.12, NHS 11-12  
**RITA STEVENS** Softball 9-12, F Hockey 9-11, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Jr Civitans 10, FCA 12, Y.Republicans, 12, Yearbook 10-12; Photo Ed. 12, NHS  
**JENNIFER STRAWN** CDE 12  
**JILL STRONG** Field Hockey 9, Spring Track 9, Key Club 10-12, SCA Rep. 9, 12, Spanish Club 12, Peer Mediator 10-12  
**SHAUN STURM** Wrestling, SADD, Basketball, SCA Rep., VICA  
**TIFFANY SUAREZ**

**RONALD SULLIVAN** Football 9, Track 10-11  
**ANGIE SULLIVAN**  
**TIFFANY SULLIVAN**  
**RYAN SWIERK** Swimming 9-12, Spanish Club 12  
**EDITH TAYLOR** Cross Country 9-12; Captain 12, Winter Track 9-12, Spring Track 9-12, Swimming 9-10, NHS 10-12, Latin Club 9-11, Key Club 11-12, SADD 12, FCA 12, Symphonic Band 9, Wind Ensemble 10-12  
**ELLSWORTH THOMAS** Freshman Football, JV Basketball 9-10, FBLA 9, 12, Spanish Club 9-11, Key Club 11-12, Tennis 12  
**ROBERT THOMAS** FBLA 9-10, VICA 11-12, Electricity I, II

**JESSICA THOMAS** Key Club 9-12, FBLA 10-12, Swimming 9-12, Spanish Club 10  
**JOSEPH THOMAS** Smoke Signal 10-12  
**JAMIE THOMPSON** B.O.B. 10-12, Team Captain 12, French Club 9-12, PR 11-12, NHS 10-12, FOCUS 9-12, Young Democrats 12  
**ELIZABETH THOMPSON** Drama 9-12, History Club 12  
**MATTHEW THOMPSON** Wrestling 9-10, 12, Track 12, FBLA 10-12, Key Club 11-12, Spanish Club 12,  
**NATHANIEL THOMPSON** Lacrosse 10-12  
**DAVID THOMPSON** Auto Mechanics 10-12, Masonry 11, VICA 9-12

**DUSTIN TITLOW** VICA 10-12, Masonry I, Auto Mechanics I, II, CTE  
**JASON TRANT** Cross Country 9-12, Winter Track 9-12, Spring Track 9-12, Latin Club 9-10, Key Club 9  
**JAMES TRINH** FBLA 9-12, TSA 11-12, History Club 11, SADD 11  
**FRANK TRIVETT, JR.** Key Club 9-12  
**JONATHAN A. TRUSLOW** VICA 11-12, TSA 11, FBLA 12, Golf 11  
**JONATHAN L. TRUSLOW** Soccer 10, Key Club 11-12, FBLA 11-12, SADD 12, Junior Civitans 12  
**FRANCES TRUSLOW** Spanish Club 9-12, FLBA 10-12, Science Club 10, Jr Civitans 12, Key club 12, SADD 12

**BRYANT TURNER** FBLA 10-11, Basketball 9, VICA 12  
**COLEMAN TYSON** Wrestling 9-12, Cheerleading 12, Track 12, FBLA 10, Spanish Club 9-10, Chess Club 11, Homecoming Court 9-12  
**KIMBERLY ULRICH** Basketball 9, FBLA 9-11, Latin club 9-10  
**SHELLEY VALENTINE** Recruiters 9-11, Video Broadcasting 11-12, SADD 11-12, SSS 10, FCA 12, Civitans 9-10, Choral 10, Science Club 11-12  
**MALCOLM WADDY** SCA Rep. 10-11, Football 9-11, Key Club 11-12, Scouts  
**DWAYNE WALLACE** Football 9-11, Electricity I, Food Occupations II, Technology Foundations 11  
**VICTORIA WALSH** Band 9, FBLA 10, Drama 10-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Environmental Club 10,



**REBECCA WASHBURN** Drill Team 9-12, Co-Captain 11, Captain 12, NHS 10-12, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 11-12, Latin Club 9-10, Ethnic Union 11

**DALE WEAVER, JR.**

**ARLINE WEEKS** Latin Club 9-11, Environmental Club 9-11, Young Republicans 10-11

**CHRISTOPHER WEIMER** Football 9, Wrestling 9-12, Track 11-12

**JENNIFER WELDON** FBLA 9, HOSA 11, FHA 10-11, VICA 12

**MELISSA WHITE** Cheerleader 9-12, Key Club 9-12, FBLA 9-12, Math club 11, Science Club 11, DECA 11, District Cheerleader 11, Spanish Club 10-11, SADD 11-12, Cheerleading Captain 9-10, All American Cheerleader 12

**TIMOTHY WHITSTONE** Jazz Band 10-12, Soccer 9-12, Latin Club 9-12, Jr. Civitans 12, Marching Band 9-11, NHS 12, Wind Ensemble 9 & 11

**BEN WHITFORD** Cross Country 9-11, Indoor Track 10-12, Outdoor Track 10-12, NHS 10-12

**KENSLEY WHITLER** Cheerleading 9-11, SCA Rep. 11, Key Club 12, FBLA 10, French Club 9-11, Drama 9-12, Interact 12

**BACHE WHITLOCK** Spanish Club 10-12, Key Club 9-12, Wrestling 1-12, Football 12, Latin Club 9

**AMY WILLIAMS**

**SHANNON WILLIAMS** SADD 12, FCA 12

**RICD WILSON** TSA 9-10, VICA 11-12

**JANICA WINE** SCA Class Representative 9, Softball 9, FBLA 10-11, Spanish Club 10, COE 12

**CHRISTOPHER WINGER** Lacrosse 11, Marketing, DECA

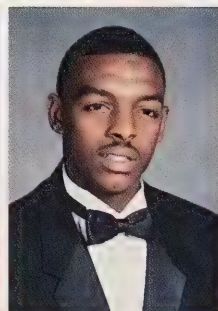
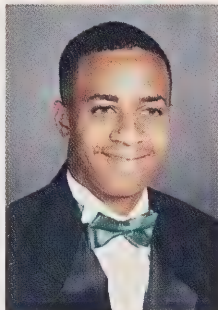
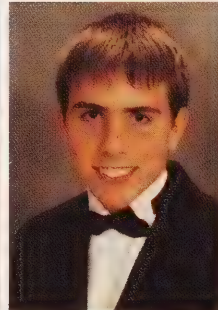
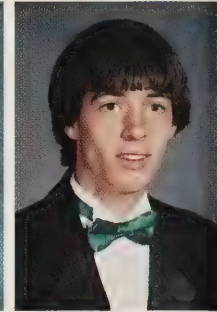
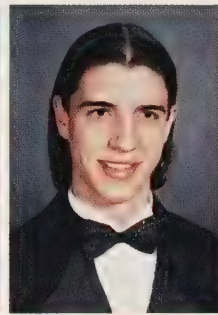
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**MELANI WOOD** Historical Society 10-12, Reporter 12

**PRENTICE WRIGHT**

**JOSEPH YEDNOCK**

**ABIGAIL ZAWORA** Marching Band 9-12, Chorus 9-12, JV Field Hockey 9-10, JV Softball 9-10, Girl Scouts 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Swim Team 9-12, Key Club 11-12, Environmental Club 9-10, SADD 9-10, Show Choir Captain 12, Madrigals 12, South Plainfield Traveling Chorus 9-10, Wind Ensemble 12, Drama 9-10, 12





# Pushed to the limit

*Many students work hard to be three season athletes.*

Students throughout the school year push themselves to be in an elite group. Whether it's football, wrestling, and soccer; or field hockey, basketball, and softball, these athletes are proud to be three season athletes. Even before the new school year begins many students are hard at work practicing for the upcoming sport seasons. Over the summer the football team was perfecting a running play that no doubt brought success during game time. Chad Martin, who played football for the first time this year said, "It's hard getting up knowing you're going to school in the middle of your summer." Jay Schmitz felt the same way, "I can't believe I'm doing this in the middle of summer. I should be at the pool relaxing."

Others felt different. "I'm glad I'm doing this instead of just laying around doing nothing," replies Jason Trant. Crystal Carper felt the same way, "It's hard work now, but in the long run it will pay off and be worth all this hard work." Edith Taylor had mixed feelings, "I guess it will help later, but I just want to go home and do nothing." In the long run, three sport athletes give it all they've got all seasons of the year, and are proud of the feats they accomplish. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*



## Sports Star

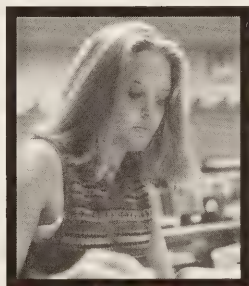
During P.E. class Jay Schmitz takes a breather to pose for a picture. P.E. class was a popular elective for juniors and seniors to take. It was also a way to get an easy credit and a great way to stay in shape. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

## Joker's Wild

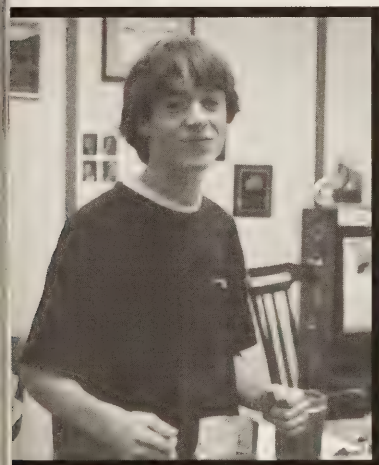
Jason Trant fools around during a long school day. Joking around eased students' minds throughout the day and helped take pressure off of trying to get good grades. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

## Honor Roll

Intense in her studies, Elizabeth Campbell tries to be the perfect student by doing her work in class. Many students found doing their work in class an alternative to doing it at home. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



**Just Chillin'** Ben Whitford stays after class to get some extra help. Many students found out that staying a few minutes after class or school helped them considerably. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



*How do you juggle your time?*



"I work hard all day in school and work hard at night and have no life away from school."  
~Jason Trant.

"What time? I don't have any time."  
~Edith Taylor.

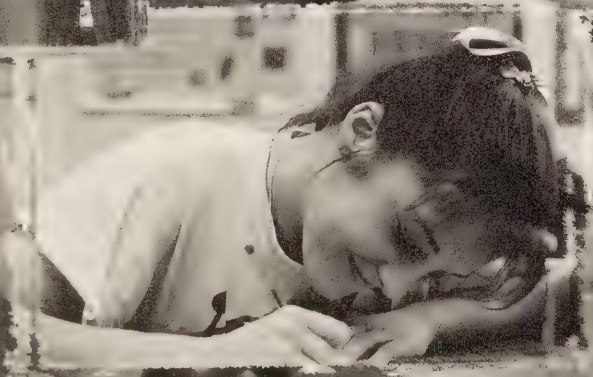
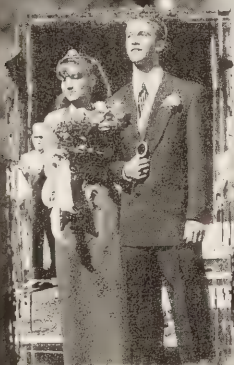
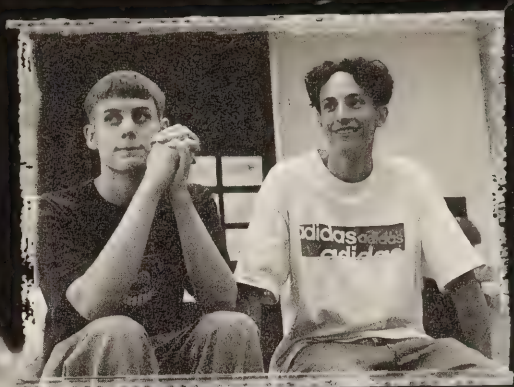
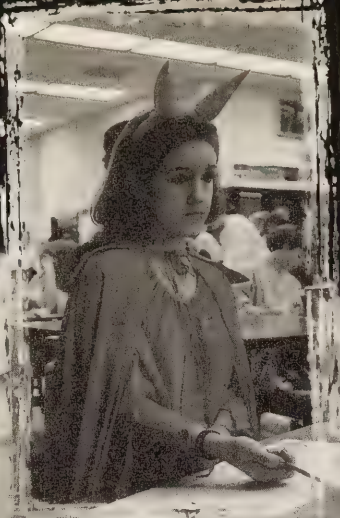
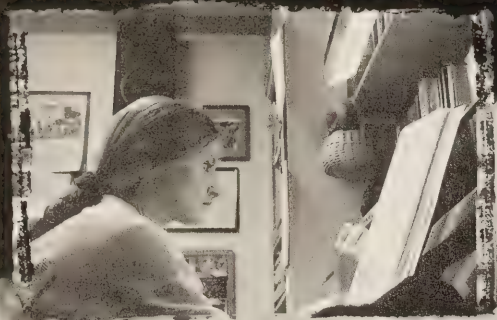


"I just try to do as little school work without failing."  
~Chad Martin.

"It's hard, but I just try to get at the least three hours of sleep."  
~Jay Schmitz.









# juniors

"If you see the world in black and white you will never see the rainbows," said junior Lamar Stewart. It was statements like this that helped to show just how much our junior class had learned during its experiences in high school. Memories have helped them to not only capture the best times, but also to learn from past experiences. Now, as upperclassmen, they have many new activities to look forward to. Kari Fredette realized this when she said, "I've had a lot of great times here, but I know the best will come when I am an upperclassman. I'm excited to be a junior, but I can't help looking forward to my senior year." Sammy Newsome's most memorable experience came from his freshman year. "I'll never forget the bomb threat we had my freshman year. It was awesome getting to miss all that school," he said.

Other students chose not to look backward or forward, but rather to concentrate on the memories they would make during their junior year. Graham Hope said, "The thing I am going to enjoy most this year will be the times I spend with my girlfriend, Amber Carpenter. I hope we have a great junior year together." Ryan Clore said, "It's nice to finally be an upperclassman and to be able to get respect from all the freshmen and sophomores." Junior year was an important and memorable year for students because it marked the transition from being a lower classmen to upperclassmen. This change meant added responsibility to go along with these new experiences. *Story by Sara Philpott.*





# Rings, Rings, and more Rings

*Dancing the night away at the Ring Dance*

**Lines, Lines, Lines.** David Behm, Paul Neumann, Kevin Good, and Dustin Rollins wait in line to pick up their rings. The juniors enjoyed the feeling as an upperclassmen with their rings. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



Is high school complete without a class ring and the traditional Ring Dance? The percentage seemed to still buy class rings, however, many complaints about the dance filled the air. Matt Slaydon felt after paying over \$300 for his ring, to then go to the Ring Dance and pay more money to pick it up, was a rip-off. "Turning the ring got annoying, I forgot how many I had," commented Jenny Whitter. The dance was a normal Stafford High dance, yet with hundreds of rings. Some felt it was a worthy tradition that needed to be followed. Brittany Wood added, "More people need to go to get their rings and turn others'. Keep the tradition alive!"

Paul Neumann observed, "It was just a dance, people danced, they got their rings, everyone turned them—big deal!" Michelle Sullivan agreed with Paul, saying, "I went for 5 seconds just to see everyone and give their ring a turn, everyone was dancing—it looked like fun."

In all, the annual Ring Dance was a success. The junior class was able to earn some money and keep another Stafford tradition alive. *Story by Andi Bordick.*



**Ring Turn** Adrienne Brown gets her ring turned by Dan Daly. The ring dance brought in many excited juniors. During the dance the students were able to pick up their rings. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**I have to Pay?** Ashley Payne pays to enter the Ring Dance. She was able to pick up her ring after she paid. The dance earned money for the junior class, which helped them to pay for future events. *Photo by Rita Botts.*







CHRISTIE ABEL  
CAROL ALEXANDER  
JERMAINE ALLEN  
KIMBERLY ANDERSON  
WILLIAM ANDERSON  
THERESA ARNOLD  
JDI ASKEW

WILLIAM ATKINSON  
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CHRIS AUSTIN  
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HEIDI BACH  
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MICHAEL BEALE  
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CHRISTOPHER BURNS  
BRADLEY BURRUSS  
CARL CABANISS  
THOMAS CALVERLEY, JR.  
JENNIFER CARRUBA

# What Do You Think of the Ring Turning Tradition?

What is the class of  
2000 going to do?"  
~Mrs. Wheelbarger



"What is the ring  
turning  
tradition?"  
~Angela Rickard

"I don't know, I  
haven't gotten mine  
yet, but when I do  
I'm going to get  
everyone to turn it"  
~Michelle Sullivan



"My ring's too  
tight to turn."  
~Matt Slaydon

"Since it's been done  
for many years, it  
is our obligation to  
carry it on."  
~Genny Rankin



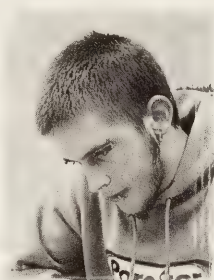


# Who do you look up to?



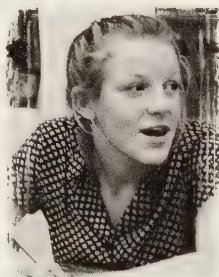
"My mother, she went to college and has a very respectable job in the King George court system. She is a true model to me."  
~India Clemens

"Jonathon Davis (lead singer of 'KORN')... the feeling and depth of his music, his compassion in singing and life."  
~Josh Sullivan



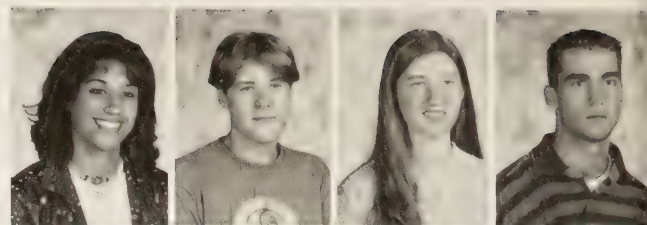
"Max Calviler (Ex-Lead singer of Sepultura) Had a lot of motivation in what he did, in his songs and family."  
~Brian Walsh

"Jacqueline Kennedy and Grace Kelly... they are beautiful people inside and out. They have accomplished so much in life."  
~Amy Parsons



"I look up to people who try, and have a goal in life, who are not afraid to pursue their dreams."  
~Rachel Maloney

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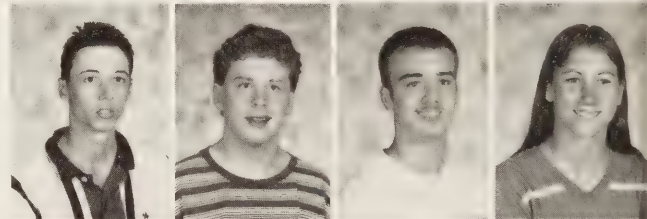
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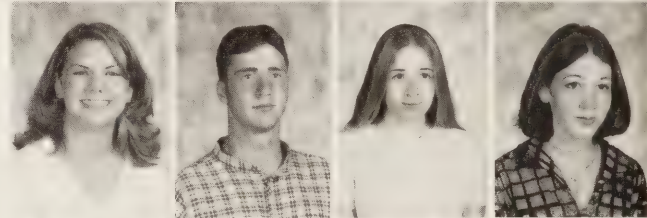
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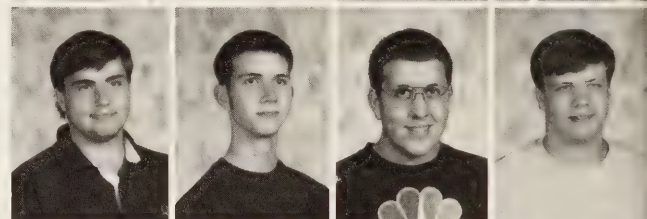
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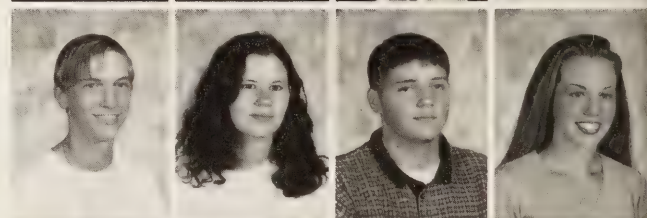
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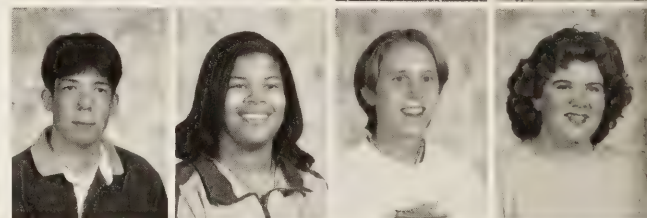
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JASON FAUSCETT



ERIC FENNELL  
FARANDA FERGUSON  
JAMES FERREBEE  
ELIZABETH FORDHAM  
TRAVIS FOSS  
WALEED FOUAD  
KARI FREDETTE





# Leading Role

Role models can be anyone or thing. "I respect people, and see them as role models, when they accomplish good things and their own goals," commented Sarah McPherson. Students model themselves after sports heroes, movies stars, and even their teachers and parents.

Roles from when we were little to now, have changed a great deal; with maturity and insight we seem to have developed better models to follow after. "When I was little I wanted to be just like Wonder Woman or a Smurf or something, but my role models now are real people who have accomplished my dreams," Katherine Kimbrell expressed. She was truthful when she said "accomplished her dreams", that is what models are made of.

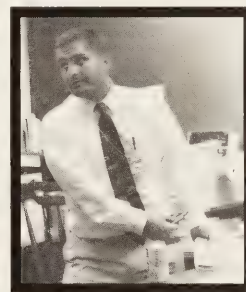
From another view, role models can cause confusion and even hurt in those who follow famous lifestyles. Mrs. Sigler was disturbed that Kevin Costner was able to leave his wife of sixteen years with no remorse; hundreds of kids were hurt by the news of a twisted Pee Wee Herman, and even girls disgusted by Cindy Crawford choice of modeling jobs. However, people must realize a famous person makes mistakes and choices that they chose whether or not the public agrees with it.

India Clemens avoids the problem of being let down by looking up to her mom. She feels her mom makes good choices, is intelligent, and feels safe that she won't let her down as the idealistic famous world can and frequently does.

Everyone needs a model and someone to look up to. Hopefully that role model will motivate their followers to become all they can be and to accomplish all they wish. *Story by Andi Bordick.*

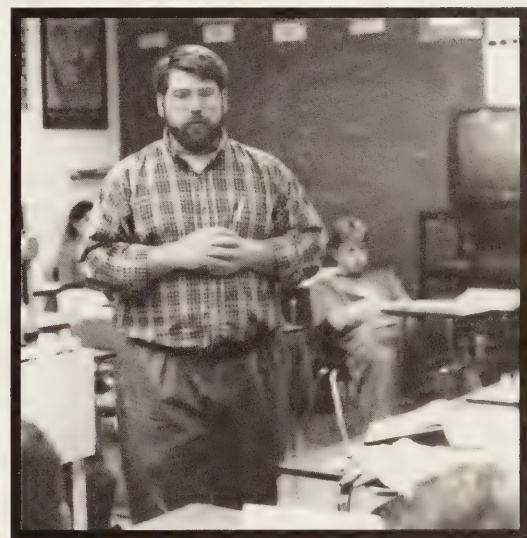
## What A Cutie!!

With a pained expression, John Agnew prepares to teach his AP Government class. Though a different subject to learn, Agnew did an excellent job of teaching his students with an enjoyable style. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



## Get to Work!

Furrowing his brow, Mr. Powell ponders the answer to a student's question. Mr. Powell had the honor of being the Washington Post's Teacher of the Year for Stafford County. With his dedication to his students, as depicted in this picture, this is no surprise. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



## Lunch-Lady-Man!

Doing a wonderful job, Brian takes money from a hungry student. Many students feel the food has improved, since the arrival of the Wonderful Brian. Keep up the hard work, and good pizza. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**How Lovely!** With a look of admiration, Mrs. Lawrence compliments Liz Kravetz on her bracelet. The Guidance office not only provided aid to students but friendship as well.

*Photo by Rita Botts.*



# Class Officers

*Class officers helping to make a great junior year.*

Being a junior, students looked forward to many privileges that came along with it, yet they were also forced to realize the many newfound responsibilities. And who better to head those important jobs than the Junior class officers?

Many wondered about the jobs of the class officers; what exactly do they do? President Courtney Berry explained it well when she said, "Over the summer we went to Hemlock to learn leadership skills. Now that school's started, we're busy getting ready for the ring dance, homecoming, and collecting dues. But since we're juniors, our main concern is prom." Officers must also go to all of the junior class meetings and help fund-raise for the many events which Juniors attend.

However, in order for juniors to attend all these special events (like prom) they must have paid their dues. Sometimes it was hard to get someone to give up 20 bucks for their class. "Being a class officer has a lot more responsibility than being a police officer because I can't just put a gun to someone's head to get them to pay their dues," said secretary Laura Crigler. But in order for juniors to go to prom, dues must have been paid on time.

As juniors, the main focus (of course) was prom. "We're really focusing on trying to make this year's prom one of the best," said vice-president Valerie Thompson. Fund-raisers included things like selling candy and T-shirts and the ever-so-talked about ring dance.

But the officers cannot do everything. They rely on their class to help them out in their responsibilities. All Juniors know by now that these special events were privileges—not rights—and without support from the class, might be taken away. But most of the officers held a positive outlook on the situation and had faith in their class; such as Janean Neal who said "This should be a great year, I'm very excited about being the Junior Class treasurer." *Story by Nicole Brors.*

**Study, Study, Study** Working vigorously, Courtney Berry uses her spare time getting a jump start on her homework. It was important that class officers keep their studies up and act as good role models for their peers. Many students realized the importance of keeping their grades up throughout high school. *Photo by Jessica Moore.*



**This Looks About Right** Valerie Thompson tediously finishes a class officer project. Holding the position of Vice-President lent many extra responsibilities. Through a lot of hard work, it turned out to be a productive year. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*

**I Don't Think It Fits Right** At the ring dance, class treasurer Laura Crigler participates in the ring turning tradition. Being a class officer meant attending many school functions and encouraging others to also. *Photo by Rita Botts.*







MEGAN FUGATE  
DEREK FULTS  
D'ANTHONY GAITHER  
JUSTIN GAYEN  
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PATRICK GIRARD, JR.  
DUSTIN GODING

KEVIN GODD  
TANYA GOSS  
RYAN GRAHAM  
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JACOB GREEN

TIMOTHY GRIFFITH  
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JOSEPH KATZ  
MARY KEETON  
JUSTIN KELLEY  
MEGAN KIRKPATRICK  
DAVID KITCHENS

# What is your job as a class officer?

"As a Junior class officer my job is to keep people spirited about the year and get people to come to the awesome events scheduled like the powder puff football games, the bonfire, tail gate parties, prom and such related school activities." ~Laura Crigler (secretary)



"I try and get as many juniors involved with their class and school activities as possible." ~Courtney Berry (president)

"As treasurer of the Junior class my job is to inform, involve, and motivate the members of the class of 1999 to have an exciting and memorable year." ~Janean Neal (treasurer)



"My job as a junior class officer is to encourage people to attend all the school related activities, and to help out with the junior class fund-raisers." ~Valerie Thompson (Vice-President)



# What do you like to do with your friends?



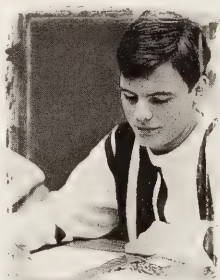
"I love to just hunt and fish. It gives us a break."  
~Kenton Conlee

"I like to get a big group of people and hang out at Spanky's and other joints."  
~Matt Slaydon



"I like to go ride four wheelers and race."  
~Matt Cribb

"I like to get a game of football together and hang out."  
~Willy Anderson



"Sometimes when we're all upset we go to Friendly's and get a big sundae to make us feel better."  
~Nicole Brors

CHRISTOPHER KLINGENSTEIN  
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CORRISSA LAMBERT  
JOHN LANE  
DANIEL LAWLOR  
DAVID LAWSON

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# Friends

*Friendships for a lifetime are made in high school.*

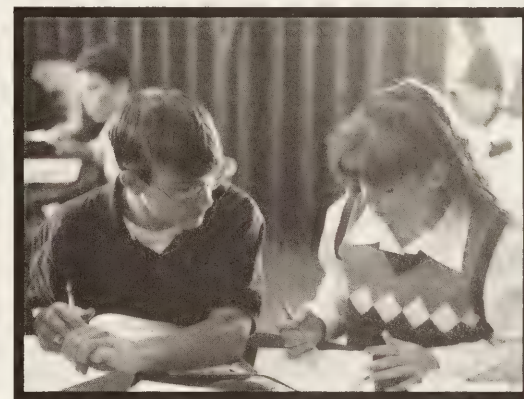
Have you ever wondered what a school day would be like without your friends? "One of the most important parts of school is friends," said Katie Roberts. On a day to day basis, friends are there to comfort and support you. "Friends are what make the school year go faster," commented Brandi Sharp.

Each year brings about opportunities to meet and get to know more people. As Melanie Allen said, "I enjoy meeting new friends every school year." Some of these friendships will last a lifetime. Laura Calloway said it best, "Friends are forever." *Story by Amy Cooper.*



**Artists Amy Mann and her friend Crystal Hissen** listen to a lecture together in art class. Electives were a chance for friends to have classes together. Although theirs was not a lot of talking time, it was still fun to be with your friends. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

**Lending a Hand** Jimmy Barr and his girlfriend Kelly Randall are finishing up some last minute work before afternoon classes. It was always helpful to have a friend around when you needed a favor. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*



**Fancy Meeting You Here** After getting an appetizing lunch, Samantha Hall and Jacob Green stop to chat. Lunch was one of the few times to socialize with friends. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*

**Breath of Fresh Air** Enjoying the fresh air, Jenn Stockdill and Amy Dudash have lunch. One of the bonuses to having lunch at Stafford was the option of eating outside on a nice day. This also gave friends a chance to eat and have fun together. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

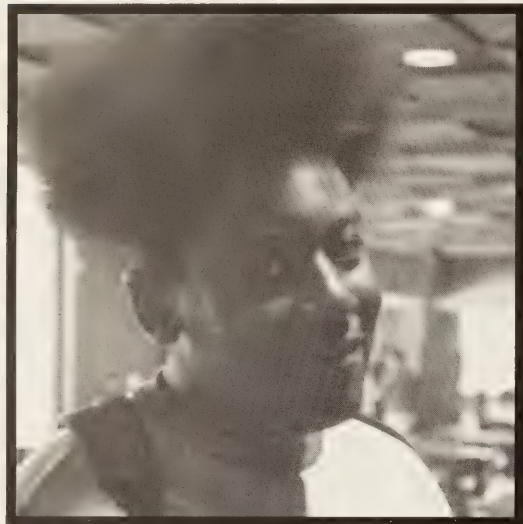
**Say Cheese** Paul Neumann and Michael Hodge smile for the camera. Although school was sometimes strenuous, friends still found time to socialize. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



# Style, Grace and Trends

## *The changing trends of Stafford*

**THE 'DO** Hairstyles at Stafford have undergone many changes through the years, but they never fail to be innovative and unique. They are a symbol of who we are. Soloman Rattley could be seen sportin' this 'do around the halls of SHS. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*



**A "HOLE" NEW TREND** Piercing used to mean a couple little studs in your ears. These days, however, girls and guys alike are piercing eyebrows, belly buttons, tongues, lips and noses as well. Josh Sullivan displayed his piercing which included his lip, eyebrow and a few in his ears. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*

**BACK TO BASICS** Anywhere you went, girls could be seen in white Oxford shirts and V-neck sweaters. They were seen paired with simple Levi's or even this year's rage, flare leg jeans. Kelly Randall is seen here, comfortable in her sweater and jeans. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*

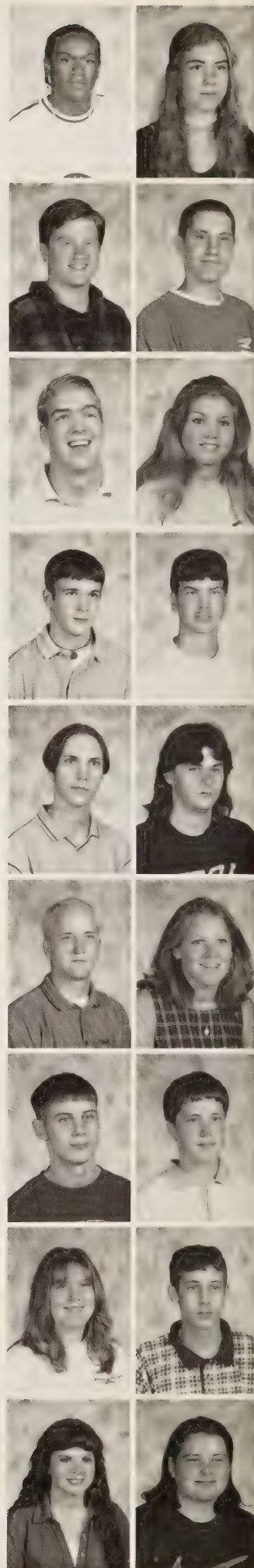
The students at Stafford had many different styles this past year. From flashbacks like flare leg jeans, purple hair, white Oxford shirts and V-neck sweaters, trends varied from student to student.

Many students felt as though Stafford's trends had changed a lot from the past. "Stafford used to be redneck heaven and now everybody's a freak," said Allyn Hood, "Now everybody's wearin' vintage clothes and dying their hair, but not bleach blonde like it used to be; now it's purple, green, orange; you never know what you'll see somebody wearing."

This year, though vintage was still very popular, students also brought back "preppie" styles. Classics, like jeans and white, button-up shirts with sweaters around the waist were visible nearly anywhere you went.

The overall trend for the year, however, appeared to be comfortable. Whether your outfit was classy or sporty, it was always casual and above all else it was comfortable. "I like a lot of the more comfortable styles this year, sweaters and jeans or sweatshirts, stuff that's casual," said Liz Lewis, of this year's fashions. Others, however, like freshman J.R. Cooper, thought that "people should just wear what they like."

Another growing trend at Stafford this year was body piercing. People could be seen with pierced eyebrows and tongues, in addition to three or four, and sometimes more, extra holes in their ears. Christian French wasn't too comfortable with that whole idea. His conclusion was, "body piercing scares me, especially on guys!" Well, to each his own, though, to some at Stafford body piercing was not only cool, but also pretty popular. The trends continued to change as the year progressed, but people kept their individual style through their own unique fads and personality expressions. *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*







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*"What was your  
all time favorite  
trend?"*

*"Rolling my  
jeans!!!"  
~Liz Lewis*



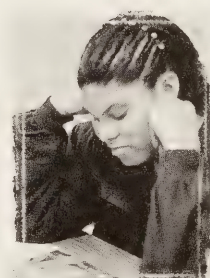
*"Bell-bottom jeans  
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~Yolonda McQuinn*



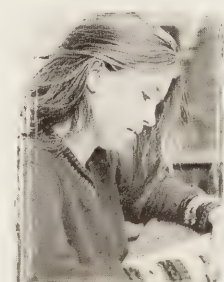
*"Break-dancing  
was my favorite  
trend."  
~Paul Neumann*



*"I like a lot of the  
things people are  
wearing now, boot-  
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~Gloria Jackson*



*"I love flare leg  
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~Patti Hurlock*





# What kind of car do you drive?

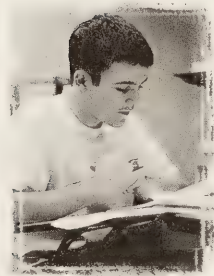


"An off-white, tan  
Ford Escort just like  
Andy Rowdon's  
except a different  
color with four  
doors"

~Valerie Thompson

"I don't drive that  
much, but I drive a  
93' Lumina when I  
do."

~Candice Woodall

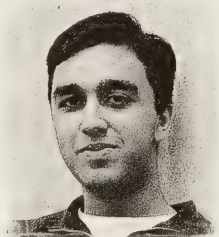


"I drive a '75'  
Maverick."

~Sam Newsome

"I don't have my  
license yet, but  
when I get it I'll be  
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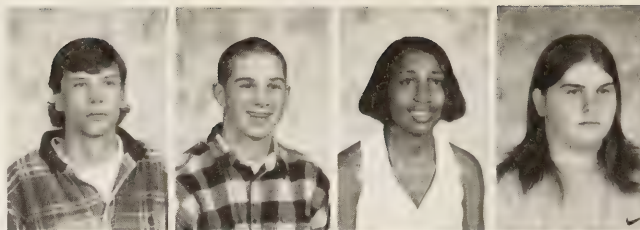
~Alok Gulati



"A 1995 white  
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~Jason Spindle

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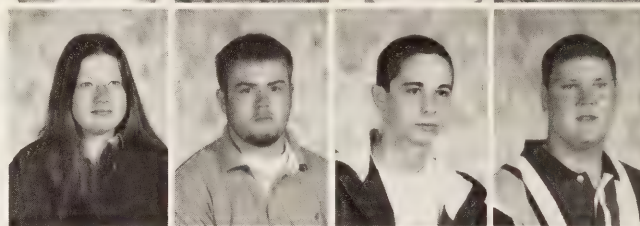
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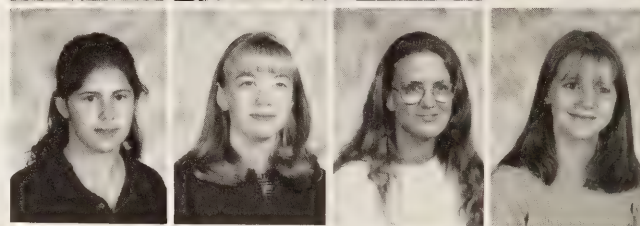
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# Park'n Pass

## *Students go wild over the limited parking passes*

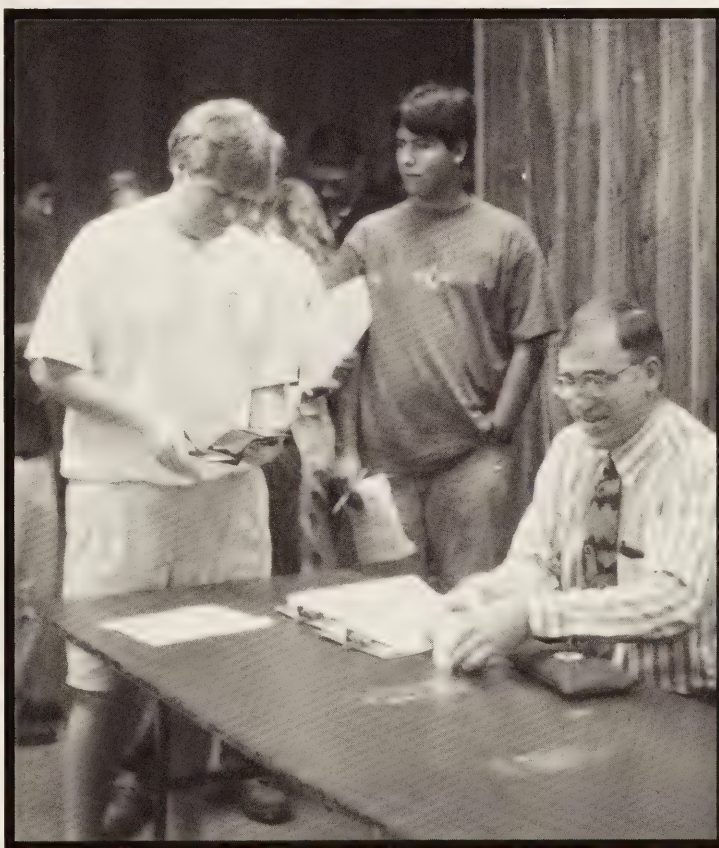
Students became very familiar with the old saying, "early to bed, early to rise," as the subject of parking passes sprang up around Stafford. The juniors of the school were definitely the "early risers," as some of the students arrived at school around 4:00 AM to find that the gates had not yet been opened. So there at the gates they sat, in not one, but two lanes that stretched from the unopened gates out to the road. There was certainly a little traffic backup. Students looked like the starting grid of a Nascar race waiting somewhat patiently, and a little tiredly to begin the race for the ever popular parking pass. One junior explained, "I got here right around four and I was the sixty-fifth person in line!"

Parking permits went on sale earlier in the week for the more privileged seniors. Some came early and some stretched the wait out until late in the week. Justin Sterne said, "I had to get here about 6:30 and I got out of line around 7:15." For others the wait only took a few precious moments, like William Keiner who said, "I got here at 7:15 and waited for five minutes and was done." Not every junior or senior at school needed a parking permit, like senior Melanie Allen who explained, "I don't have a car so I didn't have to wait." Of course some people knew that there were definite advantages to having a pass, and felt that if you wanted one you had better get up and get it. Caroline Miles was a definite supporter of that theory when she remarked, "If you want one, you better get out of bed, get your butt to school, and get one." *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

**Early To Rise** Some students will do anything to get a parking pass, especially the Juniors on the first day that they can buy parking permits. Sleepily waiting in line around 4:00 in the morning Alden Hingle, Mike Doremus, Darragh Copley, Genny Rankin and fellow classmates arrived just in time to be number twenty in line. Students arrived at school so early that the gate hadn't been unlocked yet. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Happy to be here.** Not everyone was depressed to have to go to school every day of the week; some students managed to make Fridays bearable. Happily talking on the way in to school Chris Bowman, Allyson Rose and Alison Hales tried to make the day go by as quickly as possible. At Stafford it was very obvious who was and was not the morning crowd around school. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*



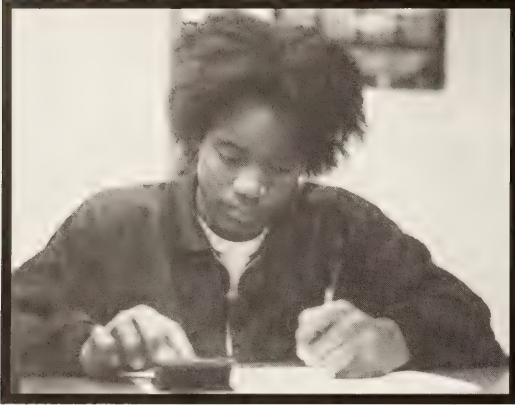
**Thank Goodness!** After waiting in line for what felt like years Camden Walker was able to joke around with Mr. Trant about the mornings events. Everyone who was able to get a parking permit felt a rush of relief at the end of the long drawn-out wait. For those who didn't quite make it in time there was always next year. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



# Junior tasks

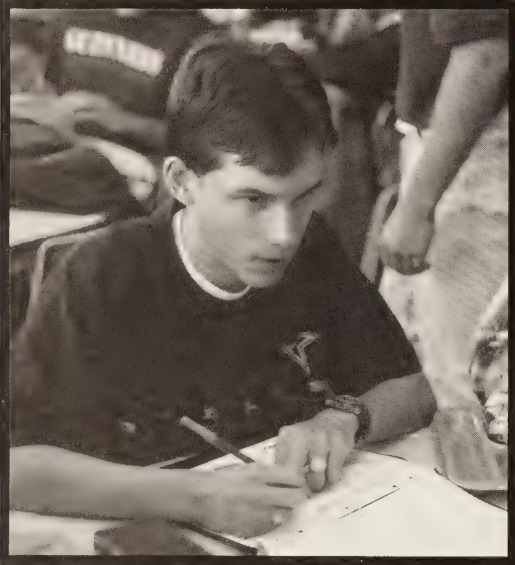
## *The pain of home and school work.*

**What To Do?** Doing some deep thinking about what step to take next to complete a math problem, Michael Minor works with his calculator. Students spent many hours working on their math homework. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



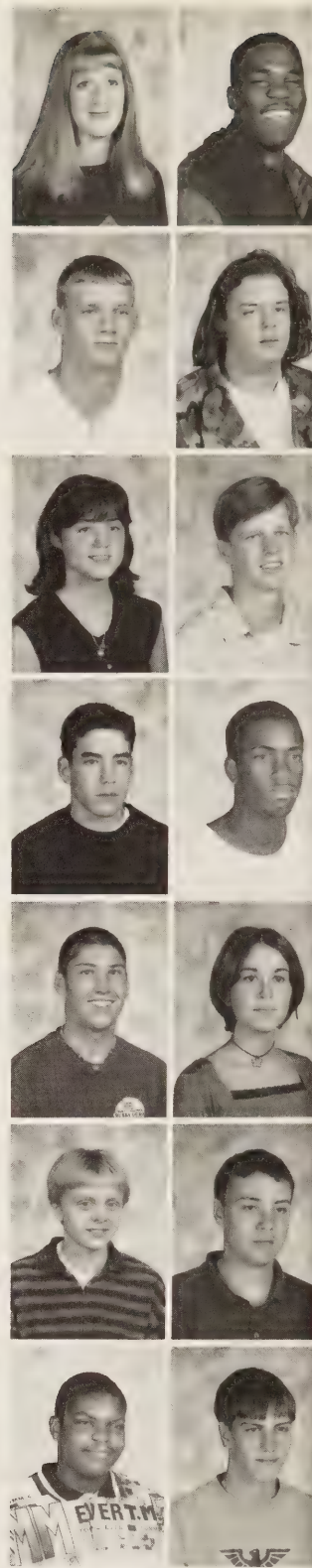
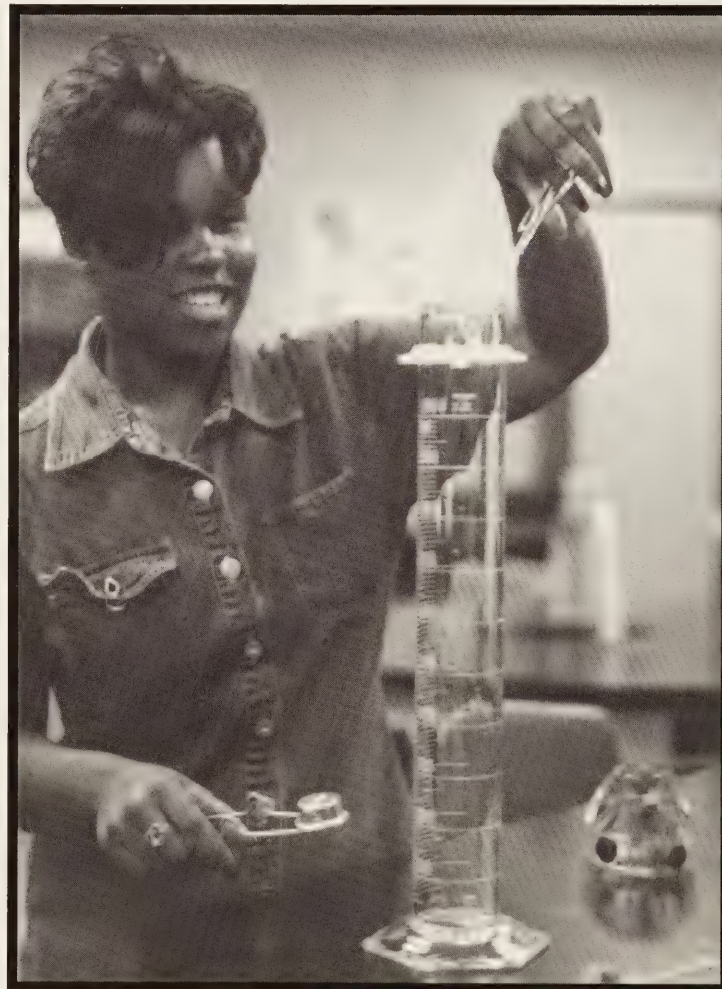
It struck terror into the hearts of students; just the mention of its name ruined any thought of after school plans. The word homework shot down your social life and sometimes could kill your weekend. "Homework stinks! I don't know how many hours a week I spend doing it," remarked Lisa Mendoza. Chris Holcomb said, "I can see the point of school work, maybe, but what's the point of homework? Do the teachers enjoy ruining our weekends and making our lives a total mess?" Julie Martens added, "I just don't see the point, I mean, we do enough work at school."

That brought up another issue, school work. "It's bad enough doing homework, but on top of that we have to do additional school work for homework," remarked Nathan Havasy. Some didn't even bother with the work, like Cory Harding who had this to say, "I just sleep though everything, it makes no difference." Michael Brown, who had a different view, said, "I guess it's not that bad. At least it makes our futures look brighter." Angela Wilson agreed with Mike and said, "It's not as bad as some people say. Homework just gets a bad rap." In the end Sam Hall summed it up best by saying, "At times it can be a bore, but in the long run it really helps you get a decent grade." *Story by Oliver Goldman.*

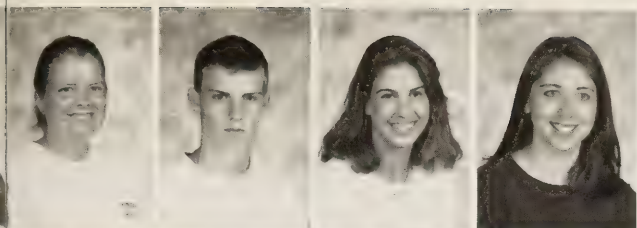


**Right at Home.** Taking time away from his lunch, Juan Mercado finishes up a math problem. Many students felt comfortable waiting till the last minute to complete any if not all of their homework. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*

**Safety First.** Corrissa Lambert works on her science experiment. In most science classes the students worked on hands-on learning. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



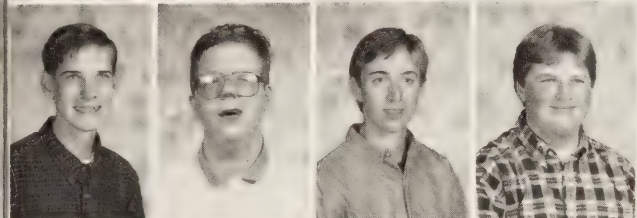




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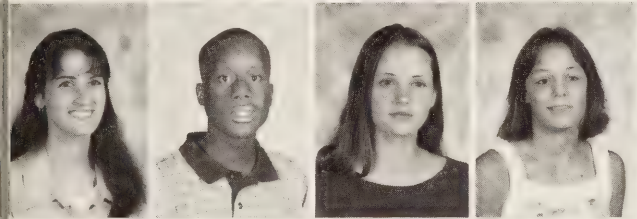
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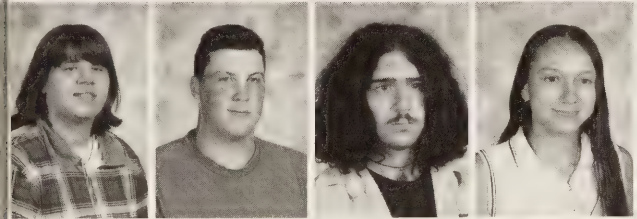
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*What is your best  
excuse for not having  
your homework done?*

"I say I left it in  
my locker."  
~Adrienne Brown



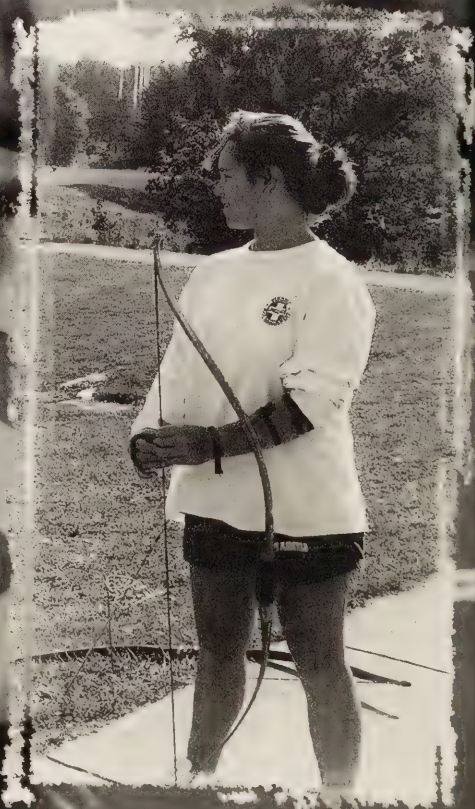
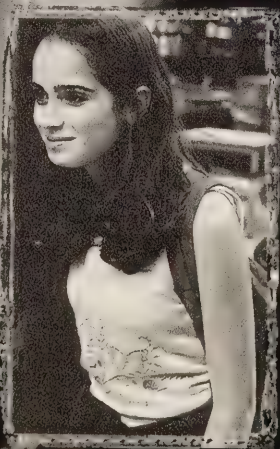
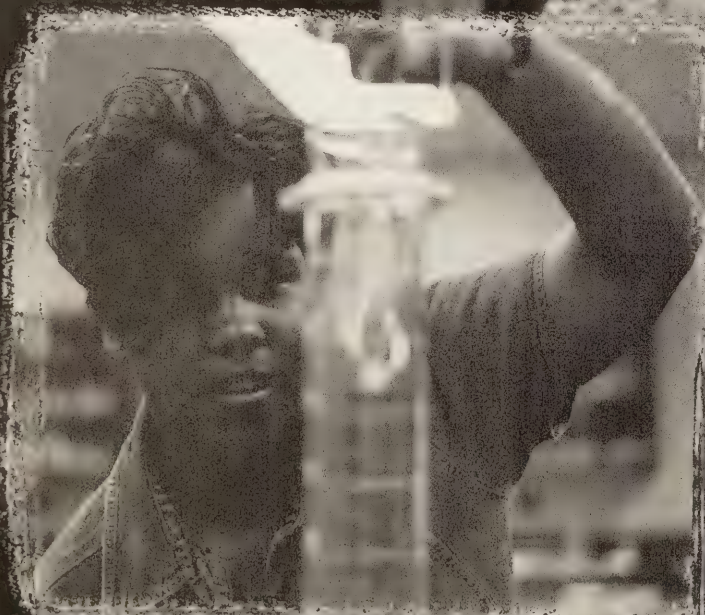
"I tell them I can't  
find it, then turn it  
in tomorrow."  
~Melissa Cardagena

"I just try not to  
get in that situa-  
tion. Remember  
that lesson kids."  
~Mike Doremus



"Just tell the  
teacher that you  
gave it to them and  
say they lost it."  
~Matt Cribb









# sophomores

Sophomore year could be a hard time for students because it was a transition year. While seniors looked back at the good times they had experienced in high school, and freshmen looked forward to the next four years, sophomores seemed to be stuck in the middle. "Being a sophomore is okay, I guess. But I feel like I'm stuck in the middle. I'm not a freshman anymore, but I still have two years left until I'm a senior," said Sam Gentner. Many students looked past their sophomore year to the upcoming years as upperclassmen. Yet, without realizing it, sophomores experienced many important memories.

To many sophomores, being able to drive was the most important change in their life during their sophomore year. Many students got their first instructions about driving through drivers-education. This course was topped off by hands-on experience during a four week course of behind-the-wheel. After this course was successfully completed, and the students turned 16, they were able to get their driver's license. This was a privilege that many students appreciated when they wanted to go out. "I'm glad I'll be getting my driver's license soon. This will give me a lot more freedom when it comes to my social life," said Kristin Ripley.

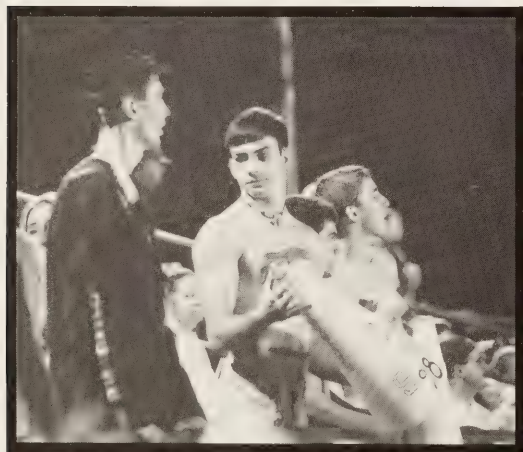
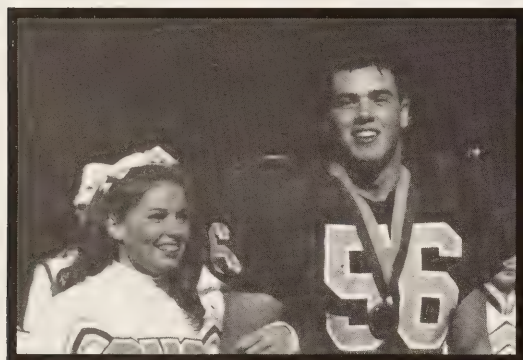
Basically, becoming a sophomore meant more respect from the upperclassmen. However, they still had a long way to go before they would become seniors. Dan Mullins shared the opinion expressed by many sophomores when he said, "It's better than being a freshman, but we're still not top-dog yet." *Story by Sara Philpott.*



# Pump Up That Spirit

*Cheering for the blue and gold.*

**What a privilege** Standing on homecoming court, juniors Brittany Wood and Andrew Truslow stand proud. Whether actually being in the homecoming game, or simply cheering the players on, it was a night full of fun festivities. Homecoming court was a way for people to be recognized as well as to show their school spirit. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**What's this thing for?** Standing proud, Tim Griffith, Terrence Gallivan, Omri Nassau, and Shaun Kerr all cheer the team on from the bleachers. Painting their chest with the letters SHS often proved to be a chilling way of showing their spirit—literally. Students oftentimes wore blue and gold or dressed up like Indians for the home football games. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

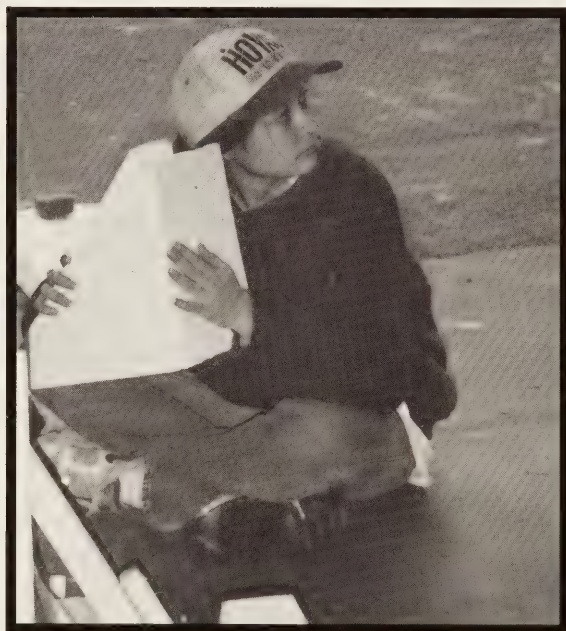
School spirit was a great way for students to show support for their school. Every Friday students would roam hallways filled with spirit signs or dressed up in blue and gold.

During the fall season, many students enjoyed getting all dressed up for football games. "It's fun to get painted up and cheer our team on," said Caroline Miles about the Friday night games. Many male students would be seen with painted letters on their chest spelling out things like "STAFFORD" or "SHS".

"The more spirit you have, the more fun you can have," said Todd Coates. Many seniors made the most of their last year at Stafford and put forth a lot of energy into making school fun. "The senior class this year has a lot of school spirit. We all love and support Stafford through sports activities and spirit events," contributed Alex Doyal.

Spirit is definitely an essential part of going through high school. Liz Lewis explained her view of things when she said, "Once the seniors leave, it's gonna be totally dead." Adrienne Brown agreed saying, "The class of '99 has no spirit and they need to get some before we're seniors or it won't be as much fun."

But whatever the outlook on school spirit was, there were always people who would keep it going and follow through with blue and gold day every Friday. As Angela Wilson explained "If everyone was as spirited as the head-to-toe blue and gold fans were, this school would be a lot more exciting." *Story by Nicole Brors.*



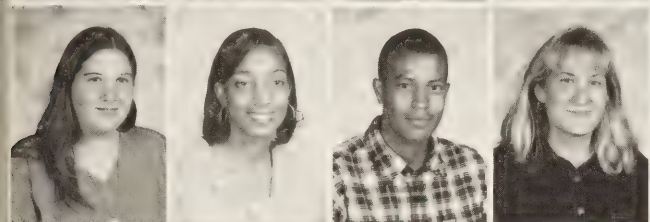
**Want to help?** Looking up for just a moment, Lisa Mendoza works hard on the class float. Apparently the hard work of the juniors paid off when they took first place in the float competition for their float of *The Little Mermaid*. This year's theme was Disney in the nineties. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*



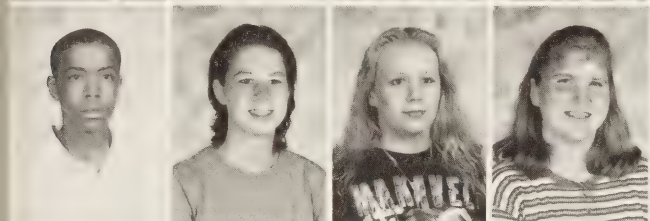




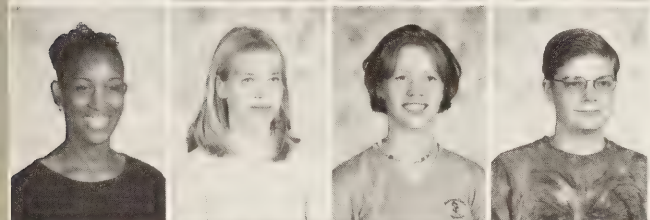
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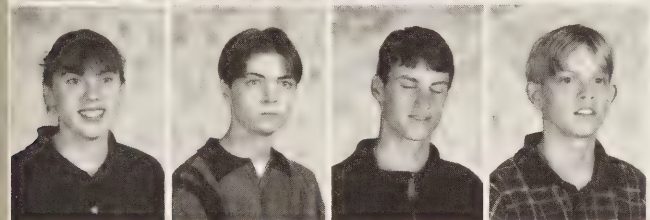
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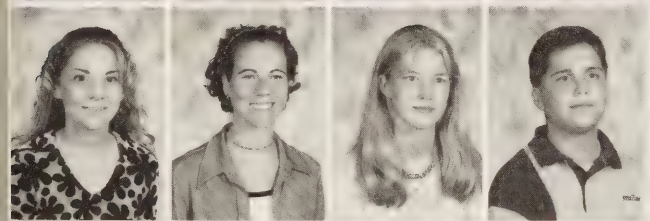
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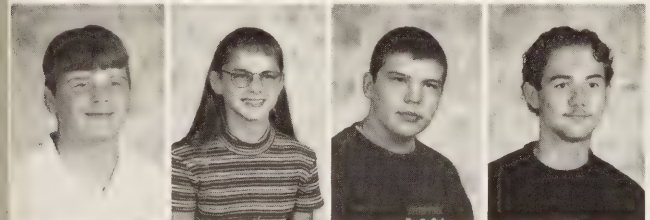
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*What's the most spirited thing you have ever done?*

*"I dyed my hair blue and yellow."  
~Jake Walther*



*"Decked out in blue and gold every Friday for Cheerleading. And participating in all the spirit days on spirit week."  
~Bonnie Jones*

*"I wore pajamas and slippers for 'Get up and go' day."  
~Lisa Simms*



*"Dressed up like an Indian for the sophomore float."  
~Jessica Player*

*"I wore blue and gold one Friday and I wore a tie on tie day."  
~Eric Wall*



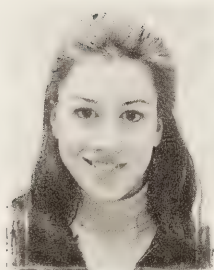


# What do you do to workout and stay fit?



"Sometimes I box in  
meatlockers; I  
pretend I'm Rocky."  
~Andrew Pierce

"I play sports,  
especially basket-  
ball."  
~Megan Wilson



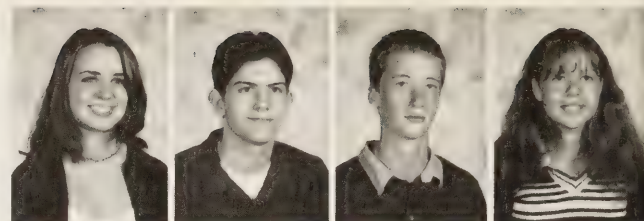
"I go to the 'Y' and  
swim."  
~Kate Godfrey

"I have a routine I do  
every night, hey it  
works!"  
~Christina Cushing

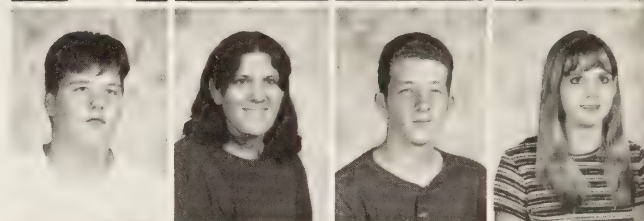


"I go the 'Y' every-  
day, sometimes I  
run, sometimes swim,  
and sometimes do  
nothing but get out  
of the house."  
~Oliver Goldman

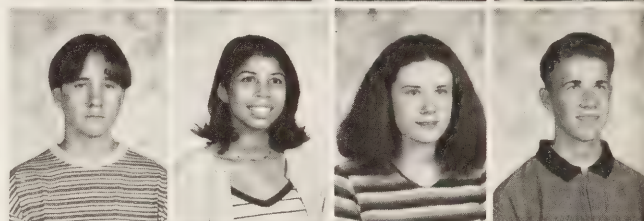
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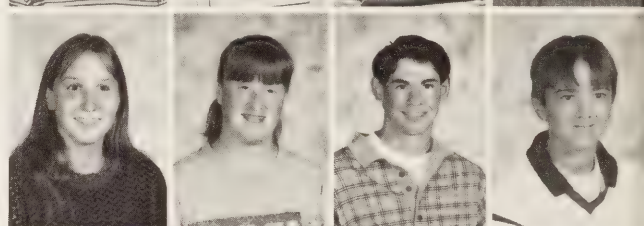
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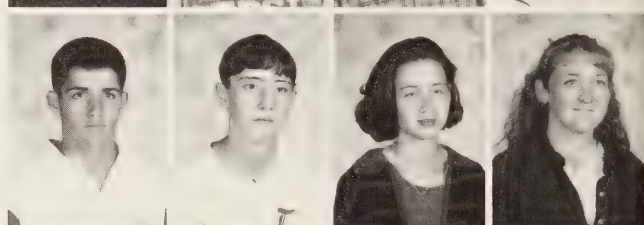
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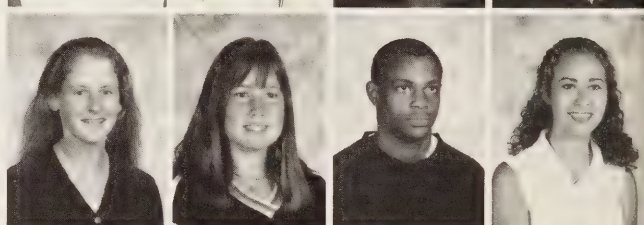
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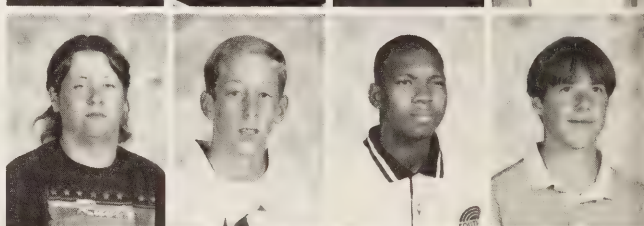
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# Ripped, Fit, & Buff

*Working out to stay fit, trim, and in good health.*

The new trend is being fit. Working out, running, and playing sports is the new fad and way to occupy your after school life. "I enjoy working out, it takes away anger, gives me energy, and gets me ready for wrestling," Matt Korniotis expressed.

Places like Highlander, Bodyworks, and the new and improved "Y" carry top of the line equipment and allow teen membership, which helps you to workout with a friend. Kensley Whitler commented, "Working out makes me feel good about myself, but I hate to do it without a friend!"

The school also helps to shape up students in the weight room. Gym teachers try to get students in the room to learn about weights, hoping to push the students to work out on their own. Sports teams also take advantage of the room (especially the football team) making tougher linemen and working on their leg strength. Dan Mullins added, "It taught me about the equipment, and now I can make my pecs move." However, some students' only workout time is gym class. Jay Blevins commented, "The only time I do a weight workout is in P.E. class."

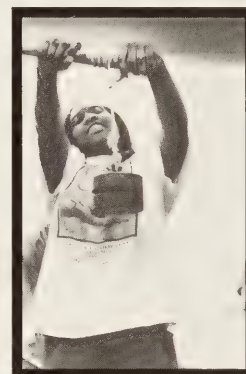
Getting fit helps people to feel good about themselves, take out anger or other feelings. It can even be a place to make new friends. And remember, the warm weather is fast approaching and you do not want to get caught with your "winter body." So go and work out! *Story by Andi Bordick.*



## It's so HEAVY!

Diana Smith works hard to get the weight up. The gym classes did a lot of work in the weight room this year. Many students enjoyed the weights and the gained knowledge.

*Photo by Rita Botts.*



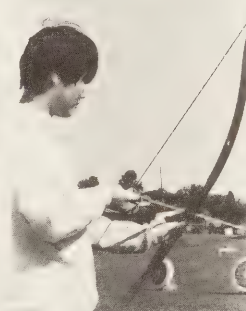
## YEAH BABY!

Hitting the weights hard, Lindsay Diebold and Amanda Lee enjoy the workout. Lindsay used the weights to increase her jumping ability for her spot on the Indians Cheerleading Squad. Amanda played many sports, requiring great physical fitness and muscle tone. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



## Robin Hood.

Working on her archery skills, Huei Ping Lou prepares to shoot a bow and arrow. Archery was a fun time and skill to learn. However, tracing a stray arrow became the hardest skill to master. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



## Pump It Up!

Rita Stevens works out her already buff arms. Rita daily went to the gym to work out. Rita used her toning and physical fitness to become a sensational infielder for the Lady Indians Softball team. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**In and Out.** Seth Bourne breathes out as he lifts his leg weights. Seth worked out all year long in preparation for the coming baseball season. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



# Familiar Faces

*Students do their best to live at home and school with their fellow brother or sister.*

High school can be a time for meeting new people and seeing faces they've never seen before. However, for some, they see faces they've seen all their life. This is the case for those who have a brother or sister attending the same school.

For older siblings, it's rather odd to see their younger brother or sister finally in the same school as them. As Kim Cooper said, "It feels weird passing my little brother in the halls." It can be a strange experience for some to see their brother or sister in the same school as them for the first time.

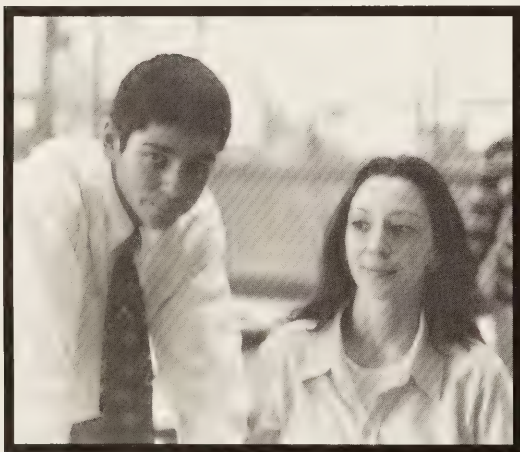
On the other hand, some siblings are the same age and have been going to the same school for years. Siblings closer in age are a whole different story. "It's ok since we are twins and we basically have the same friends; we are kind of like friends," said Betsy Decatur. "I think it's cool sometimes, but other times we pretend like we don't know each other," said her twin Bobbi Decatur.

Some students didn't mind having their brother or sister in the same building because they don't even realize they're there. Alison Rankin said "It's kind of weird but I don't see her very often anyways." On the other hand her sister Genny Rankin said, "I can't do anything that I wouldn't want my sister to find out." Many students in Stafford view having their brother or sister in the same building as an advantage. "If I forget money, I can always borrow it from him," said Nicole Dauch about her younger brother.

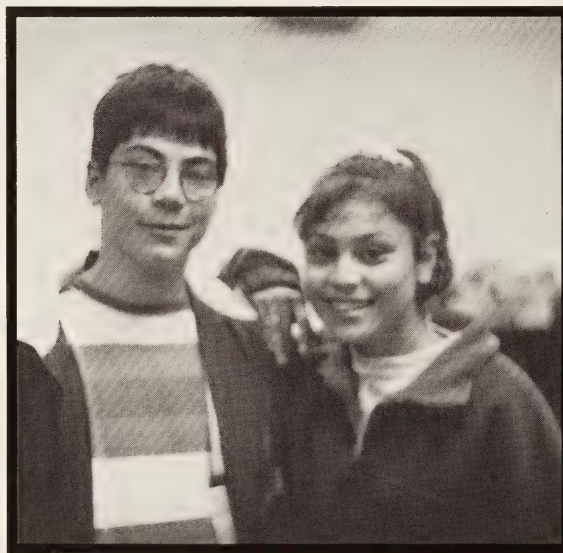
Whatever the views were on the situation, it's one that simply can't be avoided. Therefore many students look on the bright side of things. "It's fine because me and my brother are friends and we get along pretty well," said Becky Doyal, smiling. *Story By Nicole Brors.*

**Sister, Sister** Standing together, Jennifer and Joanne Yednock show their sisterly spirit. Being only one grade apart, they were basically used to attending the same school.

*Photo by Jessica Moore.*



**O.K., I'm Here** Lookin' sly, Oliver Goldman stands next to his sister Dacia. Having a big sister to tell you how it is can often be helpful. *Photo by Jessica Moore.*



**Younger Brother?** Though he may be younger, Michael Duer stands taller by his sister Melissa's side. Being her graduating year, she leaves behind many memories to her brother. *Photo by Courtney Berry*

**See What I Mean?** Staring intently together, Rita and Darla Stevens share one of their many moments together. Being in the same grade means having someone to share all of the high school experiences. *Photo by Jessica Moore.*





# How do you feel about having your sibling in the same school as you?

"It's really not a big deal because we're so close in age and we always end up in the same school anyways. Besides we get along pretty well." ~Alex Doyal about his sister Becky



"It's pretty cool because now we can talk to each other about what's goin' around school." ~Jennie Tuscany about her brother David

"I don't really mind, but it's kinda weird seeing my little sister in high school now." ~Whitney Eck about her sister Krista



"Me and my sister are friends so it's not a big deal. It's actually pretty cool because we can talk to each other about stuff." ~Miguel Columbel about his sister Priscilla

"I don't really see him that often so it's like he's not even here." ~Kim Murphy about her brother Micah



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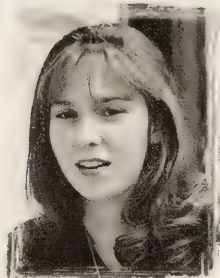
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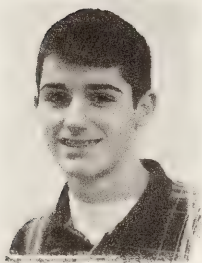


# What are your favorite electives?



"I like being an attendance aide, because it gives me a break from my hard classes."  
~Jennifer Farr

"My favorite elective is Art, because it is fun and it gives me a chance to express myself."  
~Roxanna Richardson



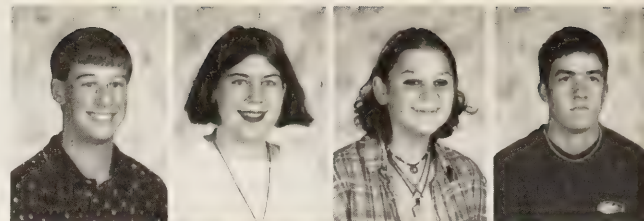
"I like taking Spanish because I can talk about people and no one knows what I am saying."  
~Tom Daley

"I like drama because I can learn while having fun at the same time."  
~Kirsten Berry

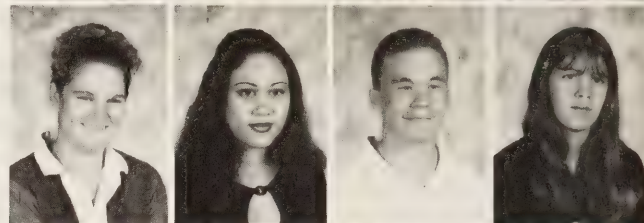


"I like study hall because I can take a break, and catch up on all of my work."  
~Julissa Gadd

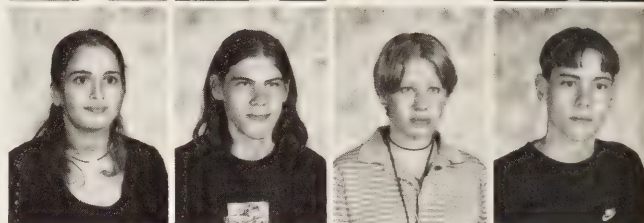
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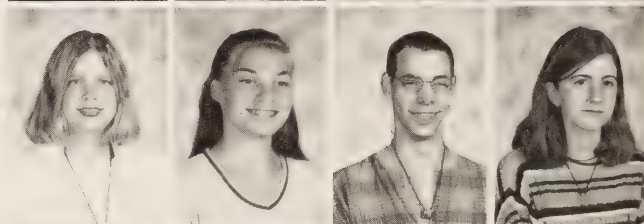
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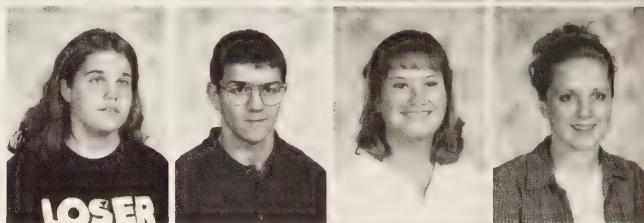
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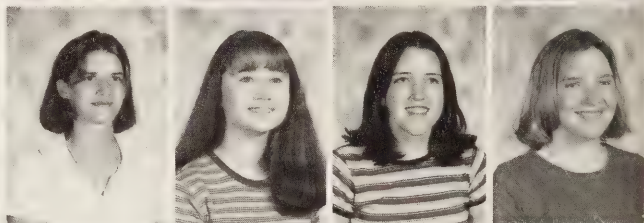
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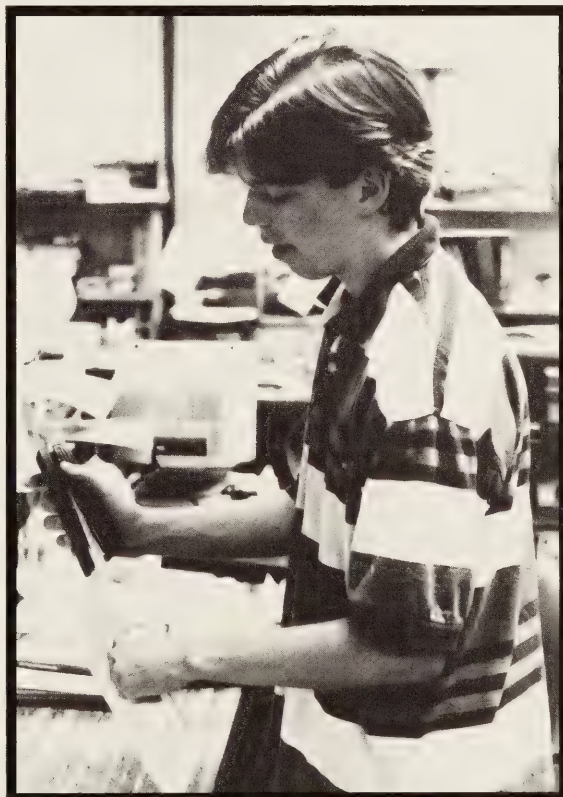
# Aides & Electives

*Breaking from the ordinary & broadening ones knowledge.*

Every year students chose to take classes that were not required for college to fill up their schedules. These classes came in a wide range, from video broadcasting, to band, to sign language, to P.E. "Taking sign language gives me the chance to learn something new and not have to worry about passing it just for college," said Brandi Sharp. Students like Erin Kerby like to have a break in their day away from the Science, History, and English. "Even though the elective classes are graded they're not as tough and the pressure and stress doesn't come with it."

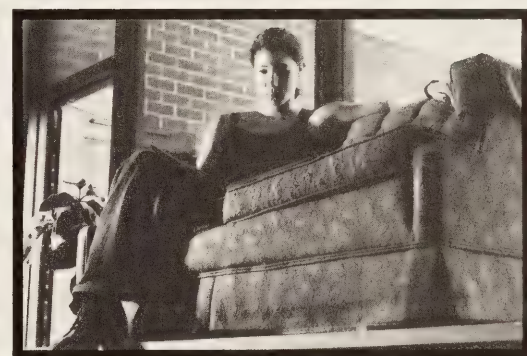
Along with classes, some students enjoyed being aides throughout the day. Melanie Allen said, "Being an attendance aide gives you a chance to relax, and take a breather." Aides always gave relief to teachers and office workers by running passes and finishing up the odds and ends that needed to be taken care of. "I help Mr. Dayfield out, and at the same time it's fun for me," said Christie Cleaver. Kim Murphy remarked "Being an office aide is exciting. There is something new to do everyday, and when there is no work, I finish my homework."

All in all, students liked their elective periods because they not only got a break in the day, but they could choose something they're interested in, and take the skills they learned with them throughout life. *Story by Amy Cooper.*



**Working for Agnew** Keeping busy, Michael Crosnicker puts some work together for Mr. Agnew. Several teachers found aides to take some "work" off their hands. This also gave students a chance to get away from their regular school work. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

**File Flipping** Flipping through a schedule box, Jenny McGee files cards for the guidance office. Guidance needed several aides to help keep up with the work they were overloaded with each day. It also gave students a chance to catch up on their work as well. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



**Strike a pose** Modeling for Mr. Hughes' Art 3 class, Liz Kravetz poses for the art students. As part of the art curriculum students drew live models. Modeling is just one of the many duties that art aides had to do. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

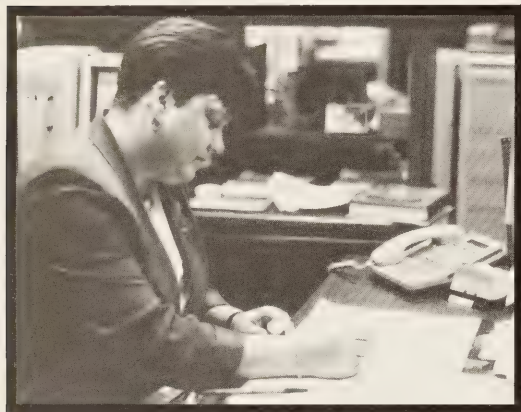
**Checkout** Crystal Chavonelle finishes up her last minute homework while working in the library. With most aides, the teachers would let the student work on there homework if there was not any work to be done. With the help of the aides, the library ran smoothly. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



# On top of it all

*Keeping the school running smoothly.*

**HELPING HANDS** In the guidance office, Mrs. Cooley was there to help students with everything from schedule changes to college applications. The guidance department was always a busy place to visit, in turn, many students looked to Mrs. Cooley for help with minor problems. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



Where would our school be without the likes of janitors, cafeteria workers, nurses, security guards and officer workers? "The office staff and the janitors and everybody really keep everything running okay at Stafford; they are a lot busier than most people think," said Meghan Snellings. The behind-the-scenes people in our school are the ones we rely on everyday to get our breakfast and lunches, to keep us healthy, and to make our school clean and safe for us.

We do appreciate their efforts here at Stafford. Sabree Duff and Ryan Graham both agreed that the janitors and the cafeteria workers were great. "The people in the cafeteria are really cool," said Ryan Graham. "I especially like the breakfast people, Mama and Bryan; they're all really nice," Sabree Duff added.

There are also the office staff and the guards who monitor the comings and goings of people in our school. Not only do they keep us in check, but they make sure we are protected from people outside our school too. Lauren Pscoylar said, "I'm glad they are all there so you know they'll be there if something goes wrong." A lot of appreciation is owed to these workers for making sure our days at Stafford go smoothly. *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*



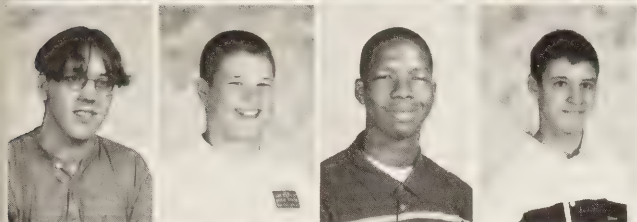
**A LITTLE GUIDANCE** Students with any sort of dilemma could always find a listening ear in the guidance department. Mrs. West, in only her second year at SHS was turned to by many students, not only as a counselor, but also as a friend. She was ready to listen to complaints, tears and whatever else the students of Stafford laid at her feet. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*



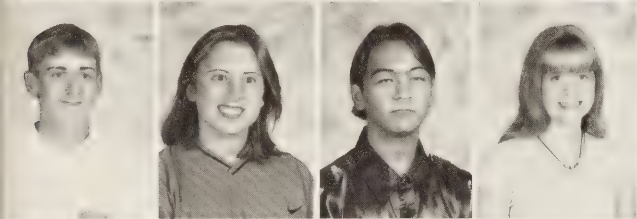




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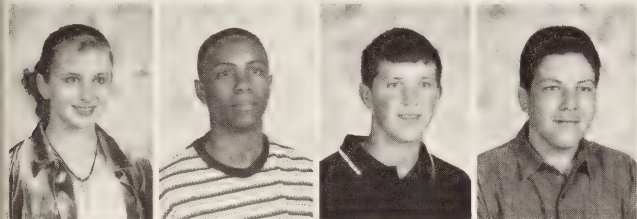
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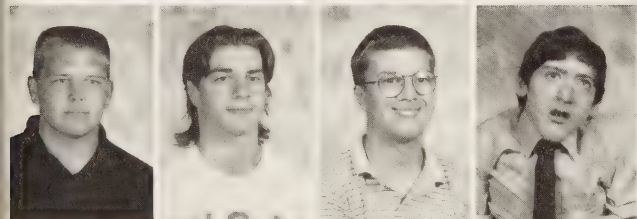
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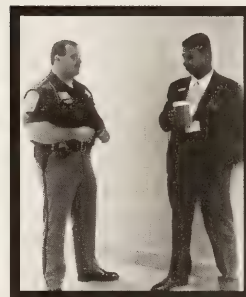


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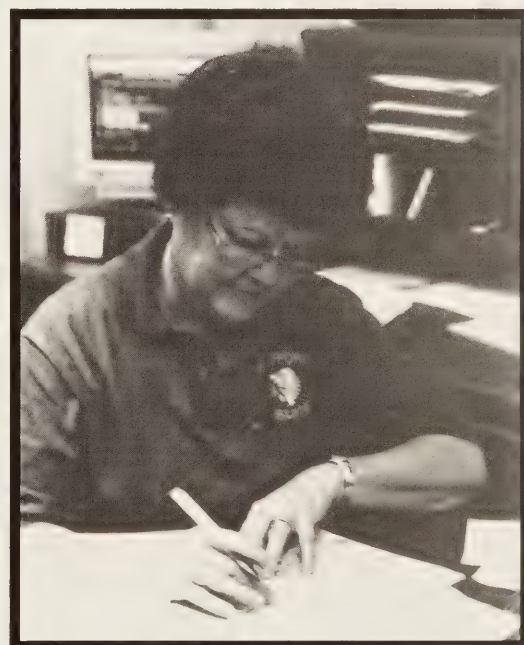
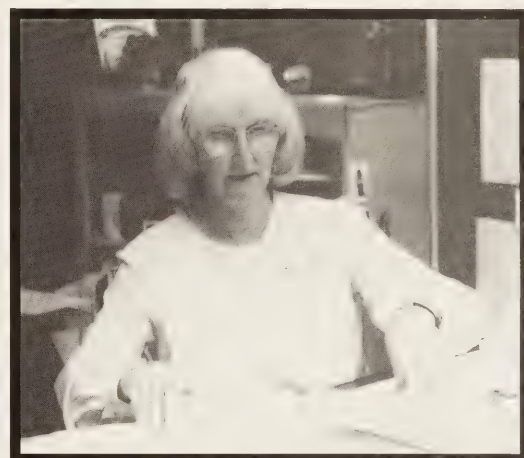


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**KEEPIN' THE PEACE** Safety was a must and new-comer Deputy Carrey and William Benton were always ready to see that everything went smoothly. Students could turn to them with concerns and problems. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



**"CAN I HELP?"** In the guidance office, people are always willing to help. An example was Mrs. Ballard, a secretary in the guidance office. She helped get us the appointments we needed as well as anything else we might have required throughout the year. She was always busy taking care of Stafford. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*



**ON FILE** Where would Stafford's principals have been without the help of their secretaries? Mrs. Bove, Mr. Trant's secretary, took care of our major, as well as our minor problems without complaint. She was a great help to all of the students. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*



# *"What do you look forward to doing after Behind the Wheel?"*



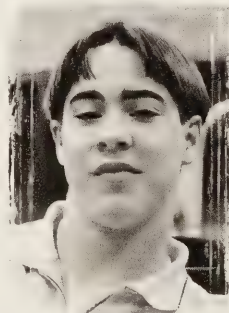
"I want to get out of the class and actually drive a car!"  
~Chad Willis

"I look forward to when my children are gonna have to go through the same crap I am. I'm going to laugh my butt off."  
~Carl Banks



"I just can't wait to get out of the classes and get my license."  
~Amanda Lee

"I'm just looking forward to getting my license."  
~Hunt Blackburn



"Basically I am just looking forward to getting out of the class and being able to drive."  
~Jenny Garrison

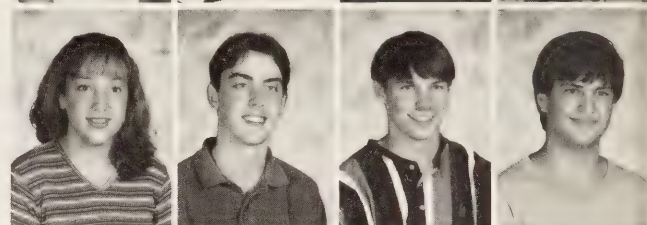
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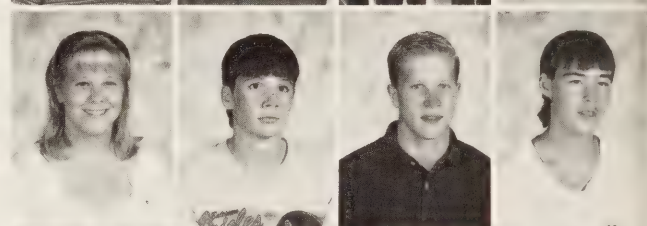
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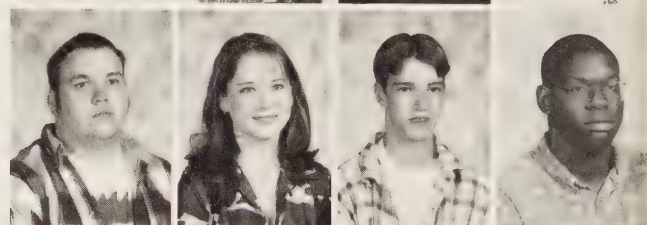
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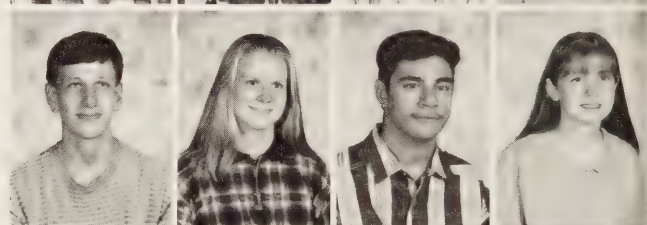
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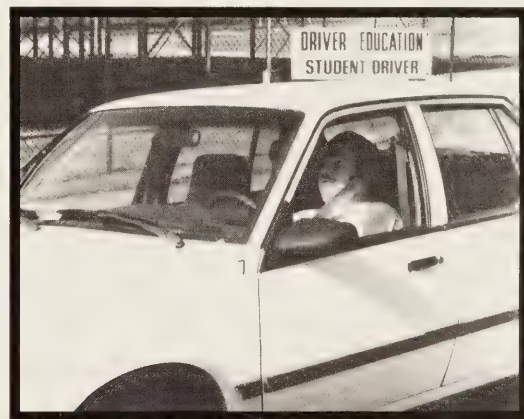
# The Big Moment

*As students move through school they prepare for their first drive*

One of the most popular events, one of the most awaited moments, and one of the largest perks for most sophomores and some juniors during high school was getting their driver's license. The sophomore class went to driver's ed. to learn all the things that go along with driving, like red means stop, green means go, and keep the vehicle between the lines. Joe Johnson said, "I don't think I should have to take a class to learn about something I already know how to do." Although some students did not like the class they still found it easy. Jan Augustine said, "Drivers ed. is soooo easy. All we did was talk about driving and all the rules, things that everybody already knew anyway." Several tests and other activities were used to prepare the students for their responsibility and privilege of driving.

The other aspect of school that involved getting a driver's license was going to behind-the-wheel. Mrs. Shelton and Mrs. Perry instruct the students and give them advice as to what they were doing wrong or what they were doing right. Students took the journey rain or shine, cold or warm, to the parking area behind the football stadium every day in order to be educated in the field of driving. Jamie Hyllian said, "It's really horrible having to walk all the way up there every day." *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

**Out For a Ride** Out at the good old Driver Education student range, students got instructions on drills like parallel parking, turning and what to do in different traffic situations. Before being able to go out to the driving range students had to pass the classroom course and have a learner's permit. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Put er' in reverse!** Students were taught everything, no matter how much they knew prior to their enrollment in behind-the-wheel. To complete the course and get their driver's license students had to pass a test on being able to drive. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Pulled Over?** After all the long wait for the infamous driver's license, students were given a yellow sheet of paper to serve as their driver's license until their court date about three months later. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



# Doing their Job

*Sophomore class officers help run the "Class of 2000."*

**Style** Class president Meaghan Wilson smiles for the camera. Officers found it important to be in a cheerful mood throughout the whole day. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



"It's hard work, but it's worth it," remarked sophomore class president Meaghan Wilson. Meaghan was among the four class officers that were elected by their fellow students. Meaghan, who was an honor roll student and played basketball for the Lady Indians, took her job seriously. "Some people just blow it off and just use it as something on a college application."

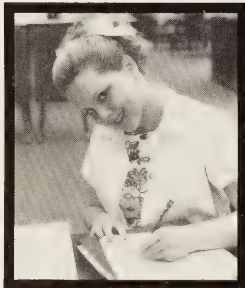
The class vice president, Sara Hatcher, had this to say on the duties of her job: "I think it's really cool to take part in something like this. It really shows that you're dedicated." Sara was very active in the school, taking part in field hockey, basketball and softball.

The secretary and treasurer might not be as high profile jobs as the president and vice president, but they worked just as hard. Jessica Player, who was the sophomore class secretary remarked, "I enjoyed working on the homecoming float and participating in all the events that we as a class were involved in." Jessica was a cheerleader for the J.V. squad.

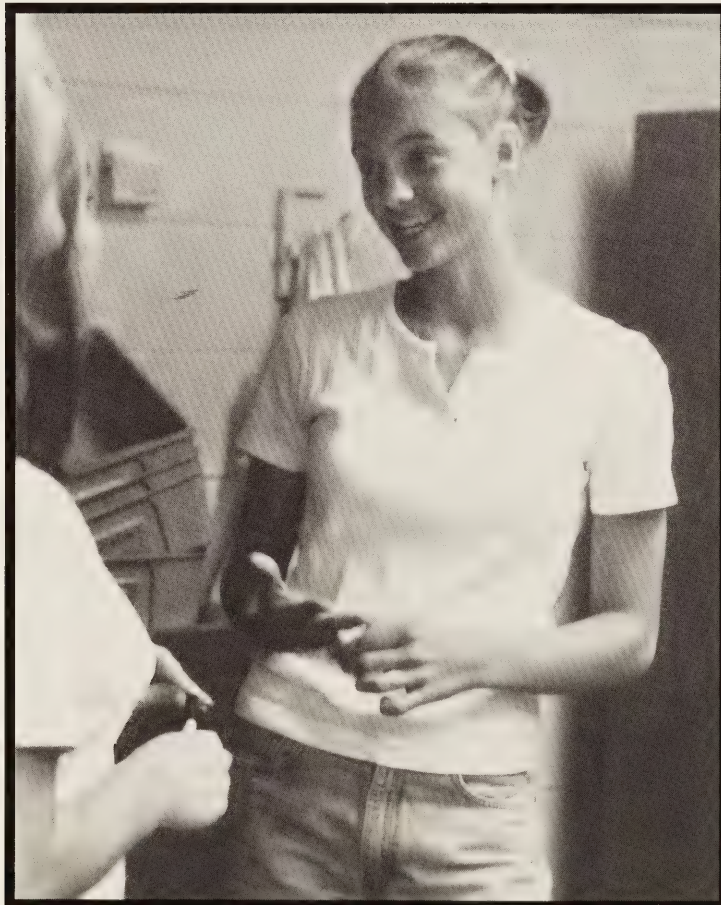
Brandi Lauderman, the class treasurer, was very excited about her job. "I think it's a great job. I'd love to do this again!" Brandi was also a J.V. cheerleader and participated as the J.V. soccer manager.

Throughout the school year the class officers helped to represent the sophomores not only with the float at homecoming, but also with all the other work that had to be done. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*

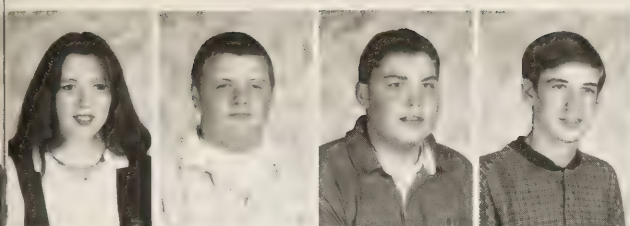
**Smiling for the Camera** Class officer Brandi Lauderman takes time away from study time to smile for the camera. Officers found time to be involved with both schoolwork and officer duties. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



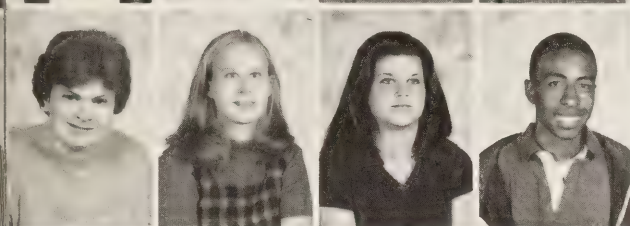
**So then he said...** Chatting with some friends, Vice President Sara Hatcher gets caught up in today's events. Class officers could be found around school always helping out and pumping up the school spirit. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



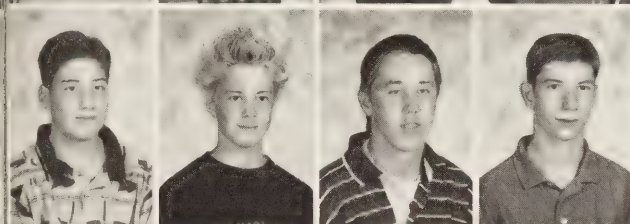




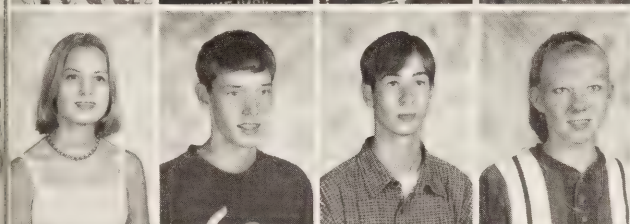
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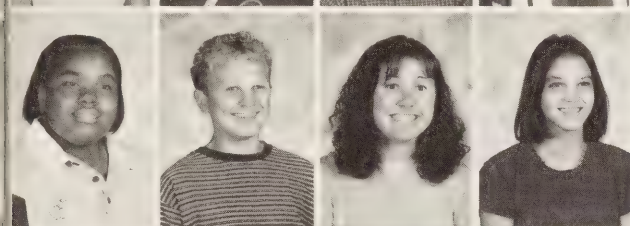
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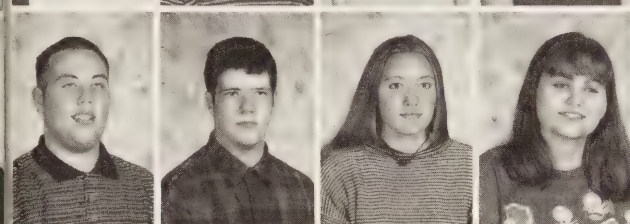
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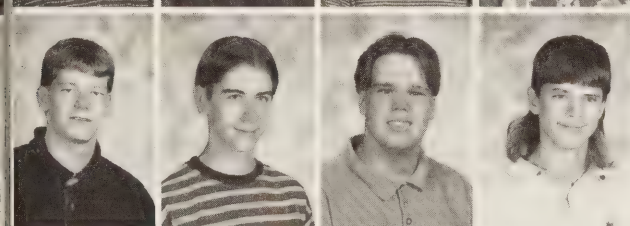
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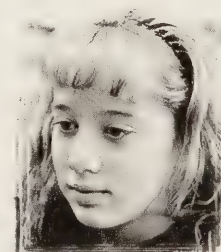
# What Do You Do As A Class Officers ?

*"I help lead the  
sophomores into the  
future."  
~Meaghan Wilson*



*"Just wait until  
I'm called on and  
do what I'm told."  
~Sara Hatcher*

*"I just sit there and  
take down receipts."  
~Brandi Lauderman*



*"I just write down  
a few notes and  
then relax."  
~Jessica Player*







# freshmen

The new experiences of high school were both exciting and frightening for the freshmen. They had to learn to adapt to the fast pace which was very different than that of middle school. "The halls are so crowded that it is hard to get to class on time. You can easily get lost in the crowd," said Laura Clary. Freshmen had to take more responsibility for their actions because the teachers did not have the time to give the individual attention that was provided in middle school. However, a supportive teacher could make a big difference in a student's first impression of high school. "The teachers here are really nice," said Jessica Poe. She then added, with a smile, "The guys are also really cute!"

Other freshmen weren't as impressed with the social scene of high school. Tara Tillman said, "People spread a lot of rumors, and those rumors spread very fast." Still, many were happy with the new pool of friends they had available to them. It gave them the possibility to meet a wide variety of people, each with different experiences to share.

Another adjustment freshmen were forced to make was in their schedule. While they had previously not begun school until 8:20 AM, high school began at 7:45 AM. This provided a problem to some students who needed all the extra sleep they could get. "I wish school would start later so I could sleep in a little longer," said Patrick Perrone. However, most of the students were able to adjust to these changes without much trouble. The biggest obstacle they faced was the constant heckling of the upperclassmen. If they survived this, they were on their way to a happy high school career. *Story by Sara Philpott.*





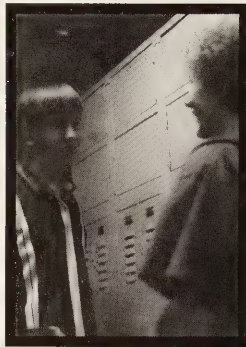
# Welcome

## *Freshmen adjust to life in high school*

**In The Halls** Waiting for their next class, Danny Labor, Courtney Johnston, Colby Stevenson, and Mike Farley stop to chat in the hallway. Time between classes was a welcome break from the otherwise busy day of learning. However, students had to make sure they allowed themselves enough time to make it to class on time. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*



**Last Minute Homework** Looking up from her book, Melissa Love sits by Danielle Durham while waiting for the morning bell. Freshmen enjoyed the extra time in the morning, unlike having to sit in a homeroom as they did in middle school. Time in the mornings is not only used to catch up on unfinished homework, but also a good time to socialize before going to class. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*



**Don't be Late** Standing by their lockers, Joey Newton and Josh Mills talk for a minute. Getting to know the people around their lockers was a great way for freshmen to meet new people. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*

Freshmen had many mixed feelings about high school as they first experienced the life they would be living for the next four years.

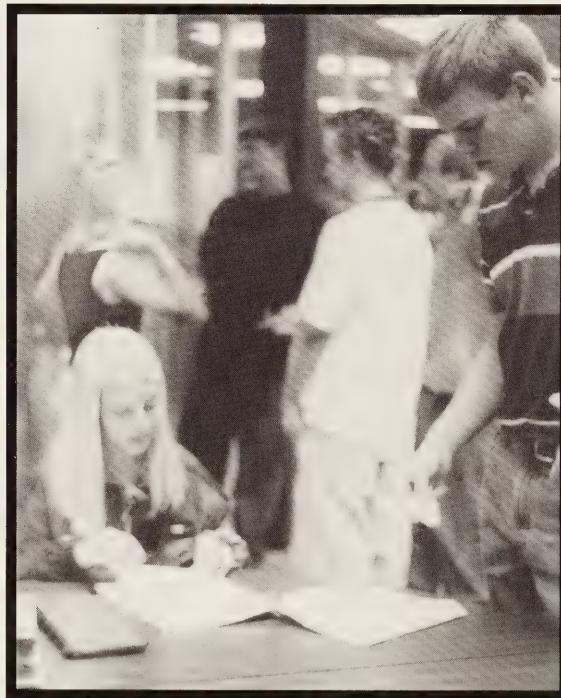
Surprisingly, the class of 2001 wasn't so intimidated by the upperclassmen of high school. Many of them enjoyed having the new freedom that high school brings; others were overcome by the responsibilities they were forced to face.

If anything, entering high school was a well awaited event. "It's better than middle school," said Courtney Johnson. Tonya Wellerman agreed, "We get a lot more freedom."

Though many of the freshmen's first impression was on a good note, there were some who were surprised at the hard tasks of their classes. Nada Zaiden said, "There's more work and it's a lot harder." Many realized it was not always as easy as they thought it would be. "There is way more homework than I had expected," commented Amy Janis.

Besides the homework, freshmen were also surprised by the amount of people here. "The first thing I noticed was how many people were here," said Brian Gillespie. Ashley Payne joined in, "It's really crowded in the halls."

But no matter what the view on coming to high school, it's always an experience. The freshmen get used to the ways of high school and soon all middle school trends are lost. Though the first impression may be pretty rough, through the years students eventually fall into place. *Story by Nicole Brors.*



**Turning the Pages** While Annie Strickler looks through some papers, Scott Newton stands above her. The lobby was a place for people of all grades to get necessary tasks done. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*







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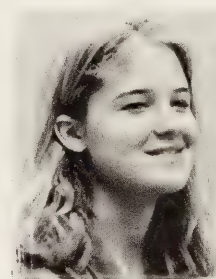
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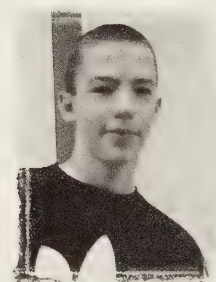
# What was your first impression of high school?

"I was a little nervous and it was kind of confusing finding my classes and all."  
~Elizabeth Como



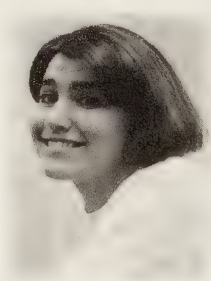
"I was kind of nervous because there were a lot of people."  
~Lindsay Eames

"It was very scary; all the people were big and they were mean to me."  
~Justin Hogan



"The people weren't as big as I thought they would be."  
~Carson Tyson

"It was pretty cool because there were a lot of upperclassmen I already knew."  
~Ann Patton



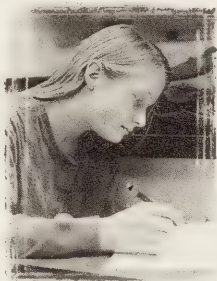


# What do you think of the crowded halls?



"They're not that bad; you learn to avoid the crowds by alternate halls."  
~Josh Ozura

"They are so aggravating, and hard to get through."  
~Kristina Senter



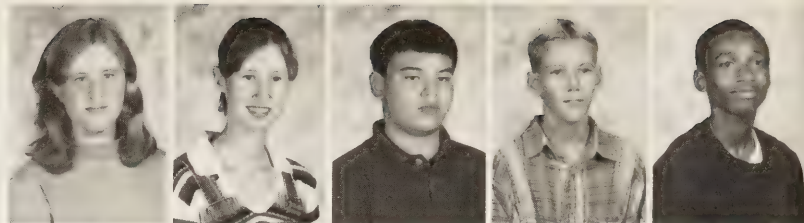
"I hate when those people with huge bookbags go running past you."  
~Burt Jacoby

"I find a way around them!"  
~Amanda Johnson

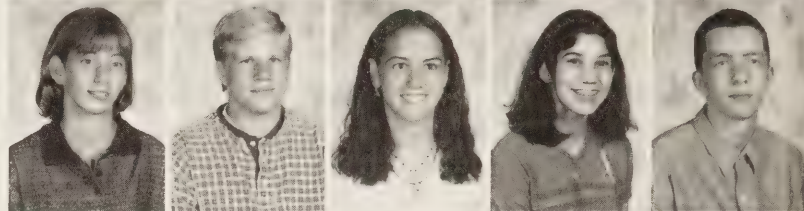


"I hate when people stop right in front of you and start talking."  
~Katey Clore

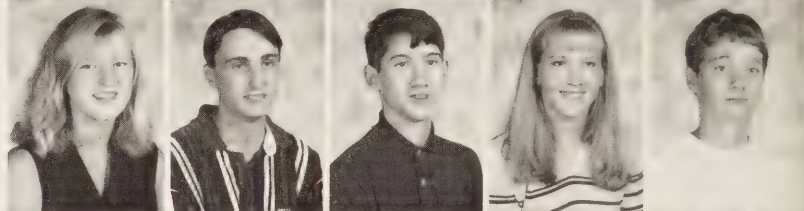
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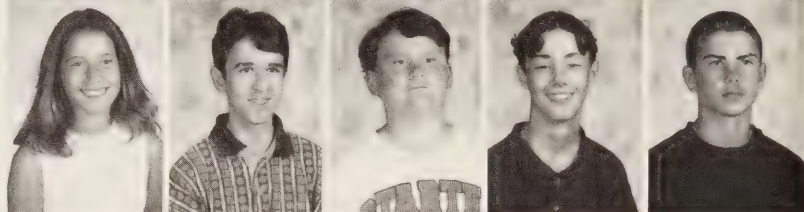
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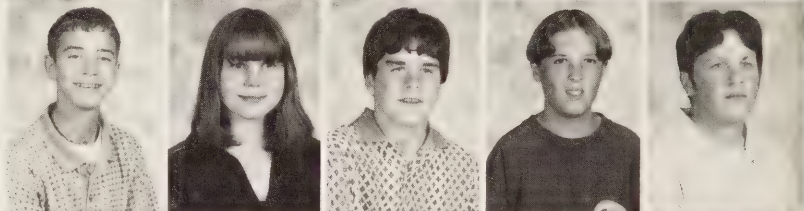
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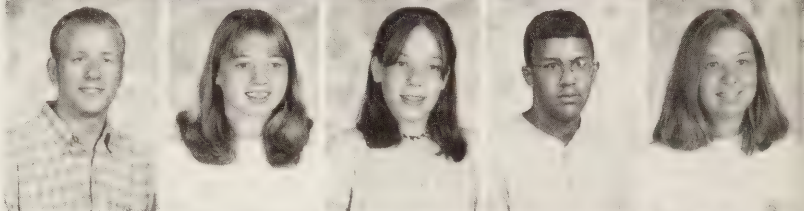
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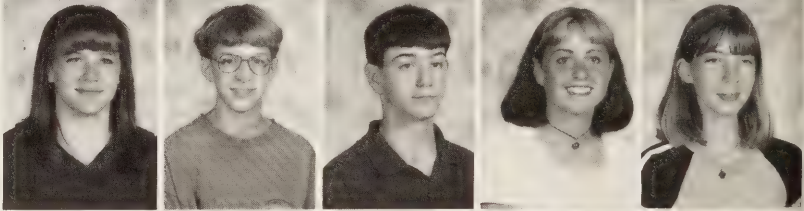
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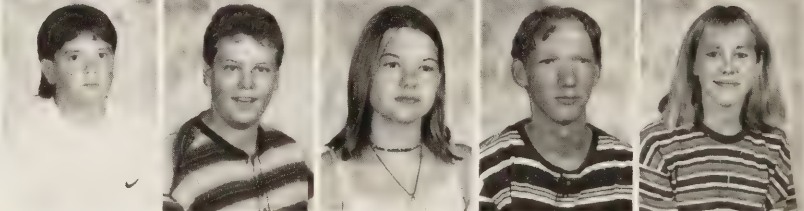
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# 5 Minute Drill

*Annnnnnnnnnn!!! Trying to get to class on time.*

To most students the massive crowds in the halls are annoying and uncontrolled. After years at Stafford people tend to get used to it with the understanding that it will never get comfortable. The hardest thing as a freshman is adjusting to the size of the crowds and the general mayhem. When asked, two freshmen said they were too squished and crowded, feeling little and scared in the halls.

Some felt the halls caused fire hazards and problems. Heather Harrelson commented, "I think they are dangerous and harmful to the handicapped." As if freshmen didn't need more adjustments coming to high school, the crowds made them wish for the days in middle school and the ease in changing classes.

Hopefully by the end of the four long years, the halls and their crowds will not be noticed much. They may never get better, but at least freshmen students will adjust and not be as intimidated anymore! *Story by Andi Bordick.*

**Lunch Break** Don't take my picture! Sam Wilson, Amy Poe, Lisa Maloney, and Chris Kay enjoy lunch. A relaxing time came with the beginning of lunch. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



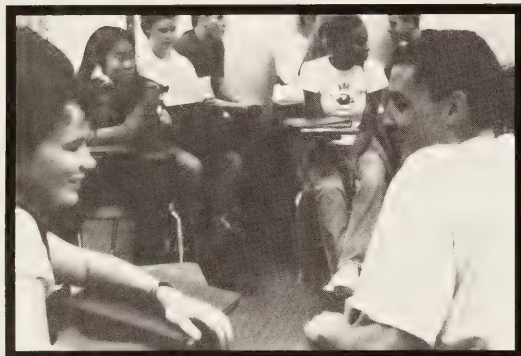
**Friends** Burt Jacoby, George Prince, John Harback, and Brad Snyder tell stories at lunch. As freshmen lunch was different from the known organized ways of middle school. However, the change was well received. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



# Hello, my name is...

*Freshmen struggle to find their place.*

**Ha! Ha! Ha!** Talking to Ginny Street, Brett Lively takes a break from school work. Students liked to converse whenever the teacher allowed them time to. They just had to be sure they didn't interrupt class while chatting. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*



As if trying to get into the swing of being in high school wasn't enough, freshmen were also forced to make new friends. "Most of my friends from middle school weren't in any of my classes so I had to meet new people," said Kristen Maddox, "but now I know twice as many people, so it's cool."

On the other hand, some freshmen already felt like they had new friends, even before high school began. Such was the case with Laurie Cooney who said, "A lot of people I didn't even know knew who I was because of my sister (Colleen Cooney)."

Whatever the feeling of making new friends was, freshmen usually found their place. "At first I was nervous because I didn't think I'd know that many people, but I knew more than I thought so it wasn't really so bad," said Ian Campbell. Alan Cascio agreed: "There were a lot of people I didn't know, but there were also quite a few who I did."

Though the school has grown from past years, most freshmen agreed that it wasn't as bad as they thought it would be. And as Chris Hines said, "It helps to know people before you get here." *Story by Nicole Brors.*



**Lunchtime Laughter** Sharing a joke, Kevin Cogley and Nathan Wood sit at lunch. Whether laughing, eating, or doing homework, lunch was a great time to relax. It was often the most awaited time of the day. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*







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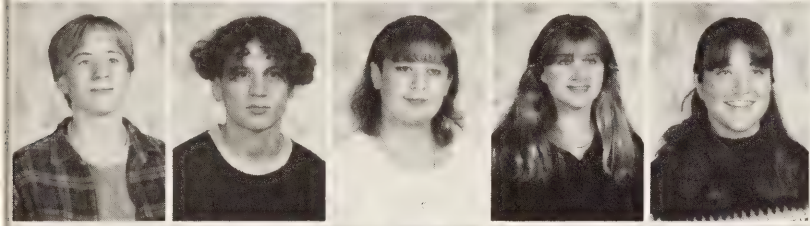
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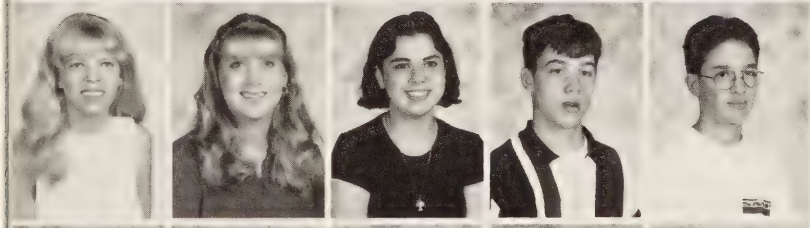
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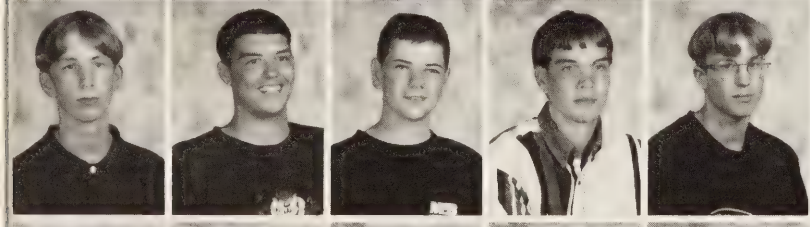
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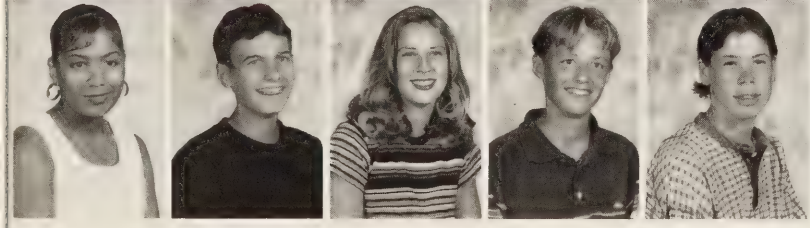
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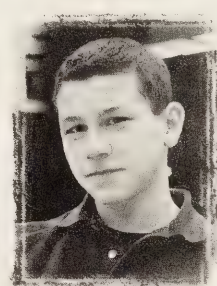
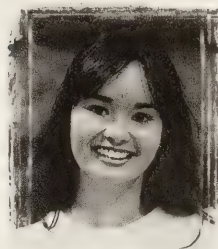
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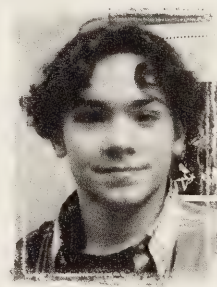
## "How have you met new people in Stafford?"

"I've met a lot of  
people through  
cheerleading."  
~Heather Akin



"Through sports and  
other activities."  
~Saul Newsome

"I've met a lot of  
people just from my  
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~Alison Rankin



"A lot of people I  
knew introduced me  
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"Mostly through my  
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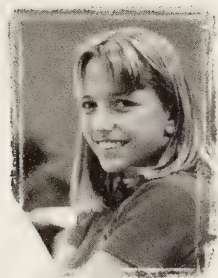


# Are the dances in high school better than in middle school?



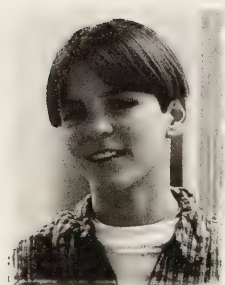
"The dances are definitely better. We actually have the freedom to dance without being watched by any teacher."  
~Amy Janis

"The dances are a lot better, except the music is still the same."  
~Mike Powers



"The dances are more fun. In middle school we used to have to stay after, but there is a lot more dancing."  
~Lorrie Watts

"There are a lot more people that attend the high school dances, and I have a better time."  
~Krista Eck

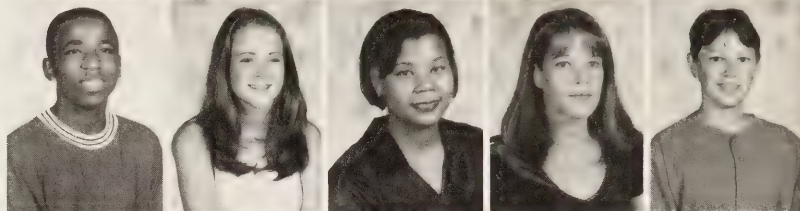


"High school dances are definitely better because they are at night, instead of after school."  
~Brian Gillespie

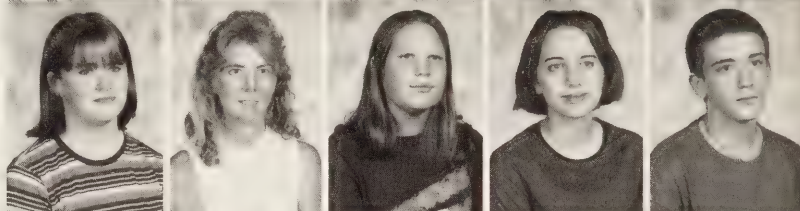
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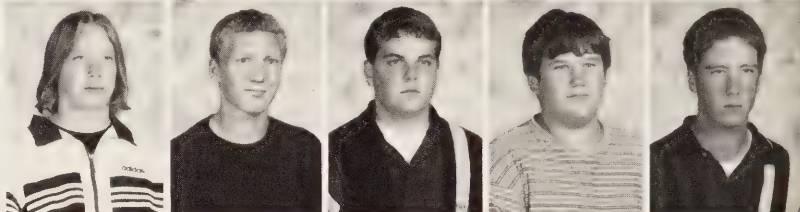
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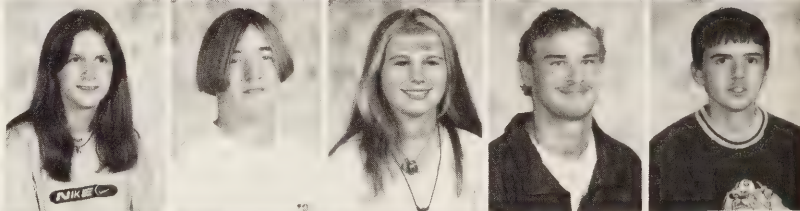
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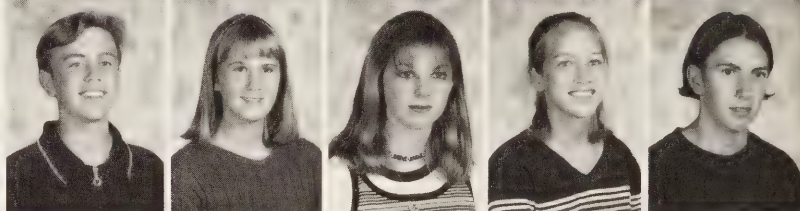
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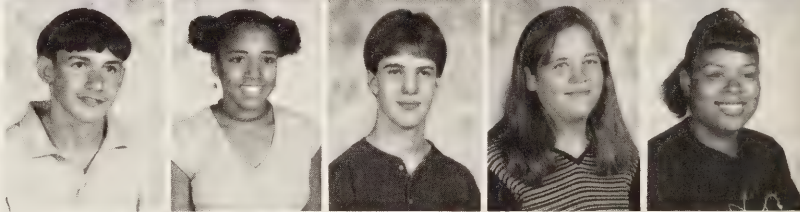
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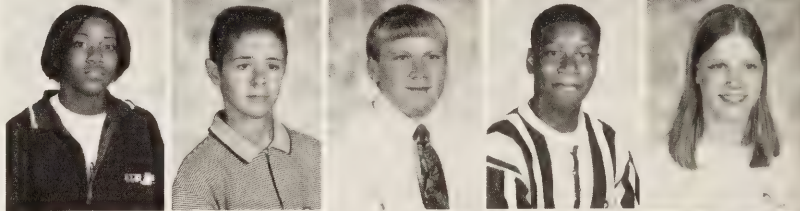
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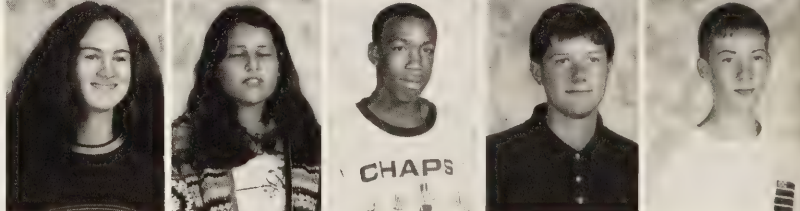
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# The Dance

## Freshman Dancing the Night Away

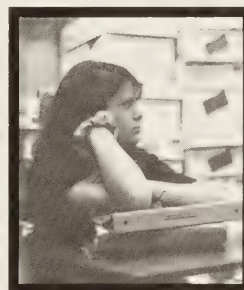
On a typical Friday night, students would gather at the stadium for an intense football game. Afterwards, freshmen would gather in the cafeteria to go to their first high school dance and would dance the night away with their friends. "It's much different than middle school, it's a whole lot of fun, and I love meeting new people," said Mike Powers. Michelle Muhlenkamp agreed saying, "After the game everyone is pumped up and ready to dance the night away." Not only is the dance a time for fun, but it gives the freshmen a time to socialize and meet new people.

Another new experience for freshmen was Homecoming. This was the first formal dance for most freshmen. Not many freshmen attended, but Laurie Watts commented, "I had a blast. It was an experience I never was able to experience in middle school." This was the first of many formal dances the freshman said attend in their high school career. *Story by Amy Cooper.*

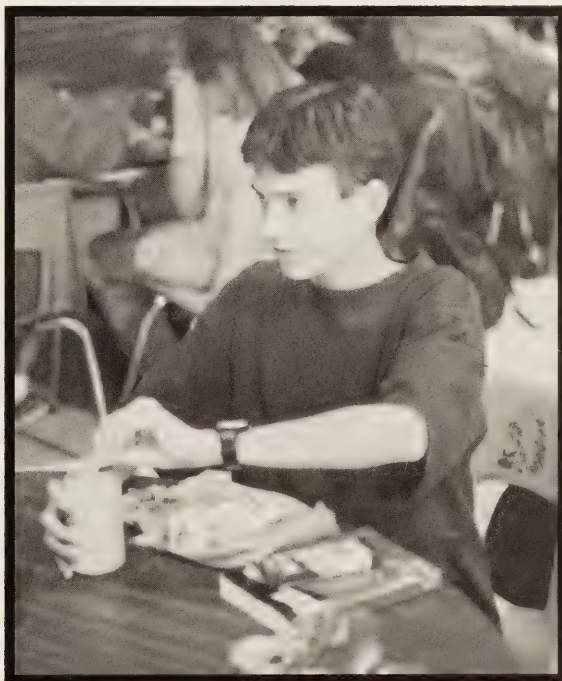


**Just the beginning** Freshman Jean Cornwell stares intensely at the teacher, not wanting to miss a word. Getting adjusted to high school classes was a whole new experience for freshmen.

*Photo by Carin Stoelker.*



**Concentration** Concentrating, Nicole Greer tries to concentrate on her classes. Freshmen had a hard task of trying to keep up with all of their classes. Most students found that second semester was a lot more relaxing. *Photo by Carin Stoelker.*



**Dig in** Enjoying his lunch at Stafford, Bert Jacoby digs in. Most freshmen found it hard to get through the line and find a seat before the bell rang. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



# Cafeteria Chaos

*Freshmen face the cafeteria for the first time*

**Over Lunch** During lunch was a great time to talk about the day's events. For freshmen it was an opportunity to see how everyone's first year of high school was going. Erica Vaas talks with a friend while she eats her lunch in the crowded cafeteria.

*Photo by Darragh Copley.*



Being a freshman is hard enough, but nothing quite matches the experience of facing the cafeteria for the first time. Outrageous lunch lines, hoards of people, senior sections. It's hard not to feel sorry for those little freshmen fighting their way into lunch. It could be frustrating and scary to come to that first lunch freshman year. Patti Hurlock, who was a junior this year, remembered her freshmen year. "Once you found your friends, it wasn't bad," she said in comfort.

"I didn't think it was a big deal, with all those people, no one really paid any attention to anyone else," contributed Josh Ozura, who was a freshmen this year. "I had second lunch my freshmen year and it was really crowded so it was hard finding my friends at first, so that was pretty annoying," said Jay Blevins about his freshmen year. Alan Withers didn't seem to think it was a very big thing either. "I just didn't really care, I found people I knew and I sat down."

Whether you had a place to sit or made new friends trying to find one, eating lunch at SHS for the first time made for an interesting experience. Courtney Johnston confessed that she was "a little nervous the first day that she wouldn't be in lunch with any of her friends, but it turned out okay."

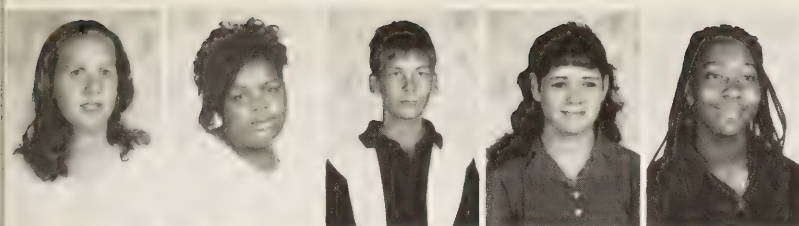
We all have to overcome our fears eventually, so the freshmen brought their fears to lunch and realized that everything was going to be all right! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*



**Fittin' in** For freshmen, finding friends in the cafeteria could be difficult on the first days of school. Frank Tullus, David Robertson and Steven Weimer all ate and joked around at lunch together. Finding friends made lunch a lot more fun. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



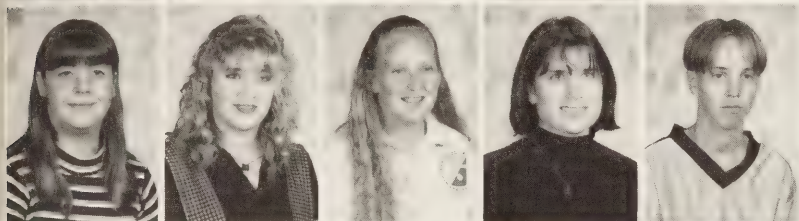




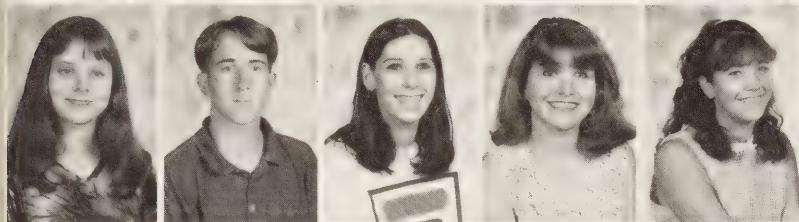
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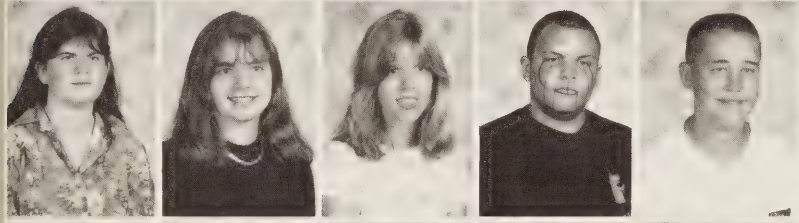
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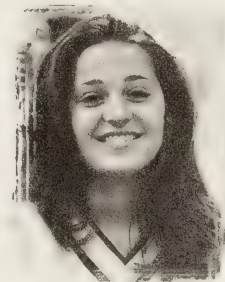
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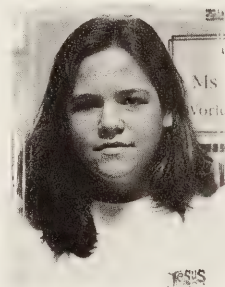
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with crowds in the  
cafeteria?"*

*"I just push through  
them!" ~Lauren  
Pscoylar*



*"The crowds are  
awfu; sometimes I  
just eat when I get  
home; there's never  
enough time!"  
~Meghan Snellings*

*"By the time I get  
through the line, I  
have like, five  
minutes left to  
eat!" ~Jessica Tyler*



*"All the upperclass-  
men always cut in  
front of me- and  
not just seniors!"  
~Tracey Mann*

*"I don't even eat  
lunch, the crowds  
are just too much!"  
~Jessica Loving*





# "How are you enjoying your new school?"



"Stafford has a very laid-back atmosphere; there seems to be more of a general sense of well-being here than at many other high schools."  
~Corrine Russell

"Well, I used to live in the desert area of California just outside of Palm Springs, so I guess the thing I like the most is all the grass and trees."  
~Kevin Fenton



"The one thing I like the most about Stafford is that everything is so beautiful."  
~Silke Gunther

"In Florida, school starts at 7:15 so it's cool here at Stafford because I get to sleep a little later."  
~Andy Combs



"The teachers at Stafford are a lot more friendly."  
~Brian Koppel

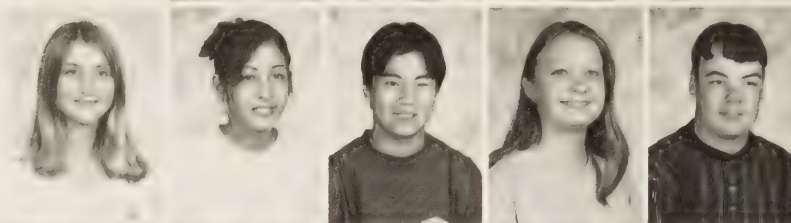
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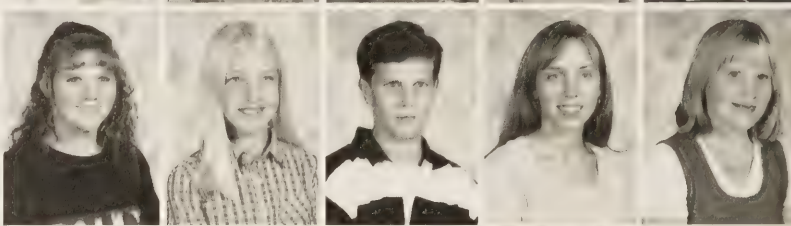
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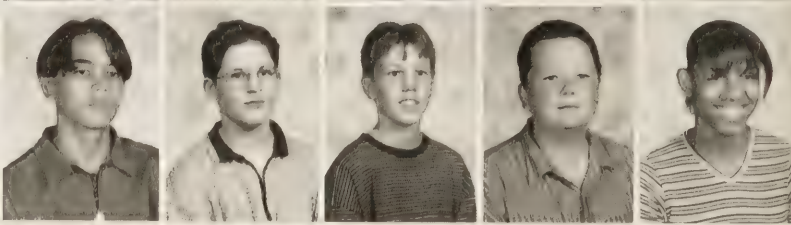
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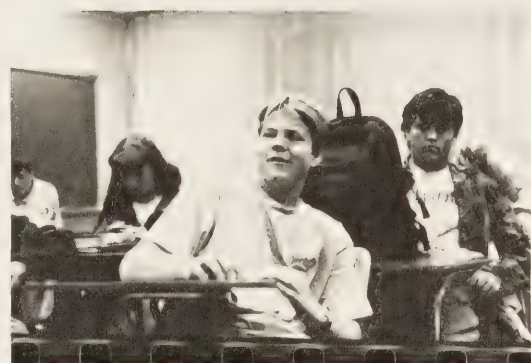
# Everything is New

*New faces at SHS are appearing from all over the place*

Students at Stafford do not always come from Stafford or Virginia, sometimes these students are not even from the United States. Foreign exchange students represent a part of the population at school and can be spotted in the hall all the time. One of the foreign exchange students roaming the hall and taking in the sites in and around Stafford was Silke Gunther. Silke came from Germany and adapted well to the chaos of the school. Silke said, "The people here are definitely more open."

Not all the new faces at Stafford were from different countries; some of the student body was made up from students that transferred from other schools. Some of the new arrivals came from California, New York and even from just up the road at Brooke Point and North Stafford High School. Kevin Fenton explained, "I used to live here in Clearview and then we moved to California. Now we have moved back and live in the same house we used to." Another new student attending SHS is senior Corrine Russell, who transferred to Stafford from North Stafford. She said, "There isn't a lot of difference between North and South, but this school seems to focus more on sports than North. There also seems to be more school spirit." *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

**Workin' Hard** Doing their best to stay awake in one of their more interesting classes Nick Whelpley and his friend Ben Schabert look onward. For the foreign exchange and the new students at Stafford getting changed over into the new way of life turned out to be rather simple. After a few weeks at their new school it wasn't hard to figure out which class would be their favorite. *Photo by Carin Stoelker.*



**France to USA** Looking forward to another creative day in Ms. Dittmar's art class, Romain LeBorgne prepares for class. For the students who came over from other countries the change they experienced was both good and bad. When Romain came over from France one of his goals was to play basketball for Stafford. *Photo by Carin Stoelker.*

**Live and Learn** Very content to be able to sit back and relax and maybe even learn something along the way, Adam Peck tries to keep up with his studies. With all the new things at SHS to experience and to try out the new students always had something to keep themselves busy. Life at school was always changing and constantly throwing new ideas at students. *Photo by Carin Stoelker.*





# Leading the way

*Freshman class offices help guide the future*

"We have a responsibility to help lead the class of 2001," remarked Ian Campbell. Ian was privileged enough to be the freshman class president this year and boasted about the class whenever he could. "Even though we don't get enough credit, being freshmen and all, we'll always be there to give a helping hand." Ian turned out to be a fine choice for class officer and ran the class of 2001 with little trouble.

Lorie Watts was honored enough to be the vice president of the freshmen class. She said, "I help Ian when he needs to get things done." When Lorie was needed she helped to make the freshman class what it was.

Annie Strickler was excited about being class treasurer, saying, "I know it doesn't sound as if I would do much, but I handle all the money and keep track of all the records; it's a very tough job." Annie proved to do a great job as treasurer.

Hanan Nassau held the office of freshman class secretary. "I was happy to help my class," remarked Hanan. He then added, "Anybody would do this job. I was just lucky enough to be chosen for this position." In the end all of the freshman class officers proved to themselves and the rest of the school that they could do their jobs well. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*



**Hey! What's the Joke?** Anne Strickler takes a pause from class work to laugh at a joke. It was important for class officers to be able to give as well as take jokes to help them throughout the year. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



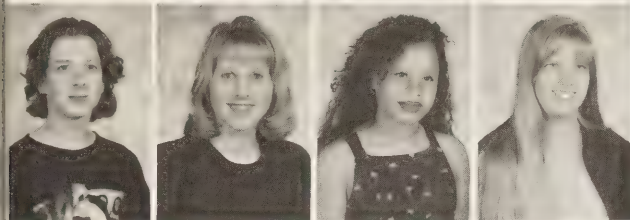
**Put me in coach!** Waiting for the field hockey game to begin, Lorrie Watts mentally gets ready for the game. Many of the officers participated in sports as well as representing their class. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*







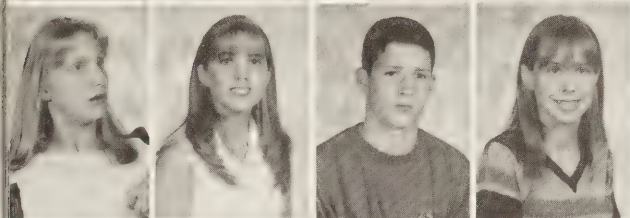
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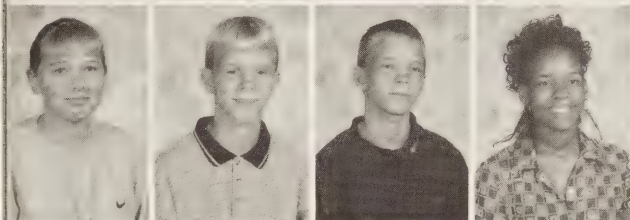
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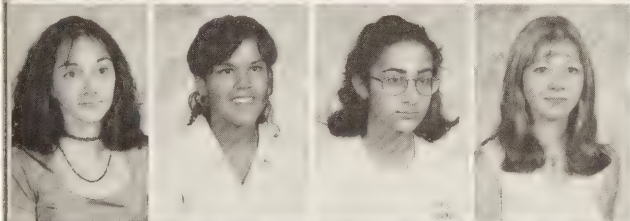
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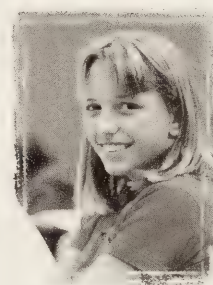
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*What is your  
favorite part about  
being a class  
officer?*

"Being called  
president."  
~Ian Campbell



"Knowing that I'm  
helping our class."  
~Lorrie Watts

"Getting in the  
yearbook."  
~Annie Strickler



"Knowing that I was  
chosen by a group of  
my peers."  
~Hanan Nassau



William Pugh,  
Principal  
Richard Price,  
Asst. Principal  
Mark Strickler,  
Asst. Principal



Mike Trant,  
Asst. Principal  
James Jones,  
AP/Athletic Dir.  
Delois Allen,  
Office Manager



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Jo Ayers,  
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Brian Kiernan,  
Cafeteria Asst.  
Mgr



Karen Woodard,  
Nurse  
Cindy Thomas,  
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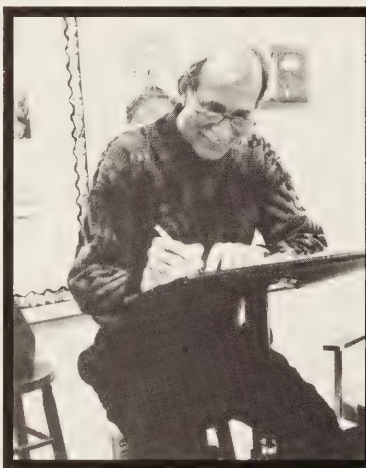
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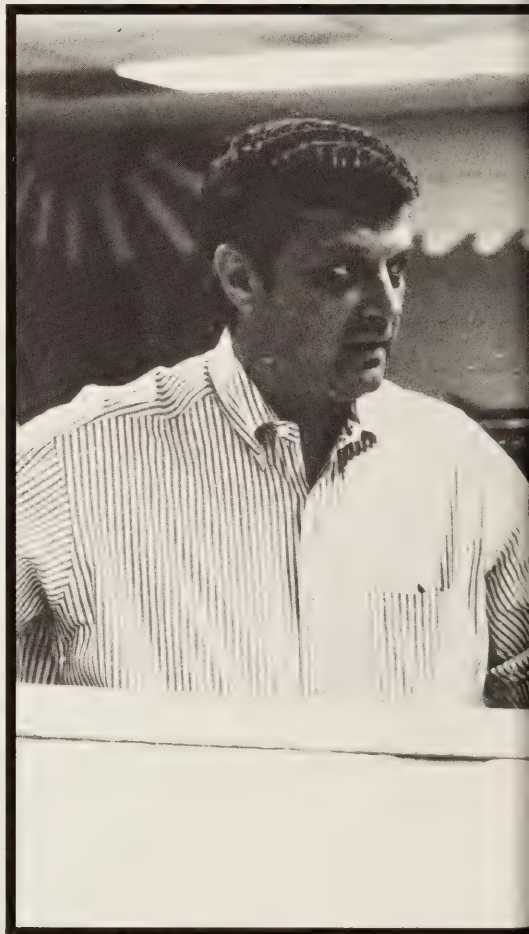


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Marguerite  
Shiffler,  
Librarian



**Say Here** As Mr. G. Brown does attendance he jokes with his students. Even though he was a serious teacher, students always liked Mr. Brown. Photo by Jeremy Conrad.

**What did you say?** Mr. Roger Brown stares at his students as he waits for an answer. Mr. Brown made Marine Science fun for all the students. Photo by Jeremy Conrad.





Here's Looking at You Taking time from her work, Mrs. Shugart chats with some of her students. Most students took time out to talk with their favorite teachers. Photo by Jeremy Conrad.

# FACULTY

## The Backbone of the School

Who's the first to arrive everyday, and the last to leave? Administrators, teachers, counselors, and secretaries are here everyday and make up the backbone of the school.

The principal, Mr. William Pugh, and our vice-principals, Mr. Trant, Mr. Strickler, and Mr. Price, all work together to make our school run smoothly. Yes, most students like to keep their distance, but they are all fun and easy to get along with. Mr. Pugh describes himself as 'The Michael Jordon of the school because I get paid to do something I love to do.'

The teachers are responsible for the education of all of us. Believe it or not, this is no easy job, especially when Spring fever hits. A lot of teachers like making learning fun, like Mr. Andrews. "I like to make teaching fun because I love what I teach and I want my students to enjoy it as well.

The secretaries and all other faculty members are the glue that keeps everything together. What would we do without early outs, or the cafe workers to serve our food?

Last, but not least, the guidance counselors deserve a lot of credit. How would you like to be responsible for the schedules and problems of over 1600 students? Seniors are especially grateful when it comes to their college applications.

All in all, without any of our wonderful faculty members, we would not have a great school like Stafford. Story by Amy Cooper.



**Typing away...** While staring at the computer, Mrs. Gill types her grades. With the new technology at Stafford, it made things a lot easier for teachers.

Photo by Jeremy Conrad.

Robert Wallace,  
Media/Technology

Brenda Grisby,  
Computer Tech

Special Education

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Gerard Caron

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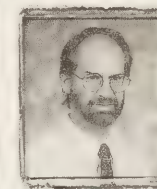
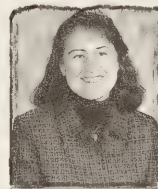
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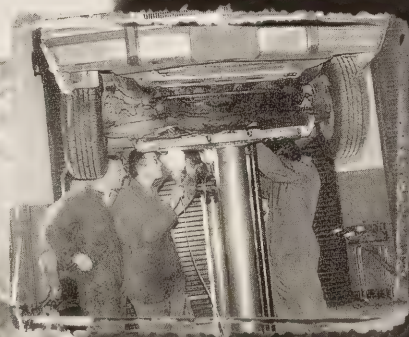
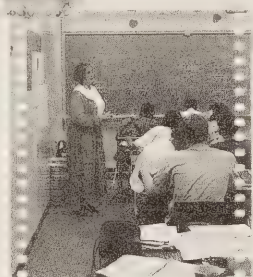
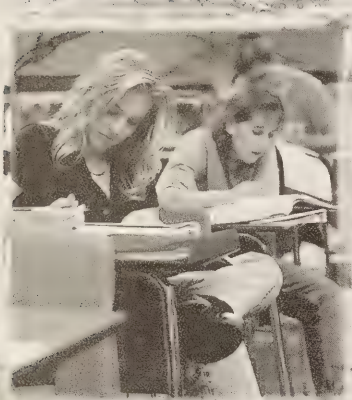
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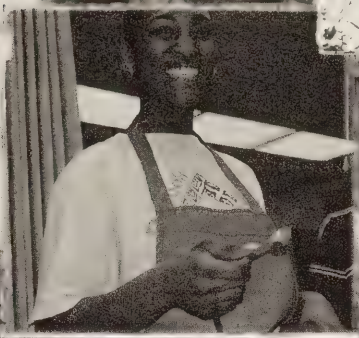






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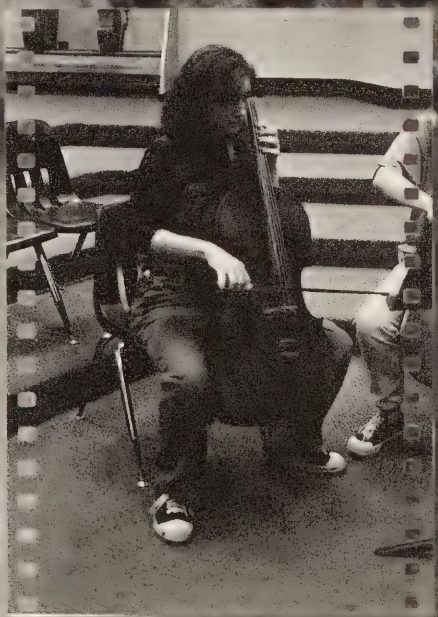


# academics

Academics didn't always provide students with their fondest memories of high school. Students tended to dread the long hours of work that came along with the more difficult classes in the curriculum. However, Stafford High School provided its students with a wide variety of courses ranging from Art to Calculus. "There are a lot of different classes to choose from here. It lets you experiment in all areas to see which suits your interests the most," said Kevin Fenton. Others did not offer as much enthusiasm about getting the grades. Joe Thomas said, "I don't really think a lot about academics. I'm only here so I can get my degree and go into the Marines."

Students who planned to go on to college took their academic performance more seriously. It was necessary for them to keep their grades up if they wanted to be accepted into the school of their choice. Melanie Prince said, "I think that Stafford High School offers really good classes and is one of the best high schools in the area... academically that is."

Although academics were not a favorite of students, they played an important role in each individual's high school career. Each student's future was riding on their performance over the next four years, whether or not they liked the idea. *Story by Sara Philpott.*





James Andrews



Bobbi Blalock

Jennifer L. Conner



Brian Driver

Greg Feducia



Sue Gill

Mary Haywood



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Dorothy Lynne



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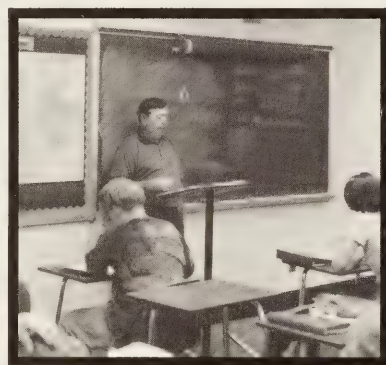
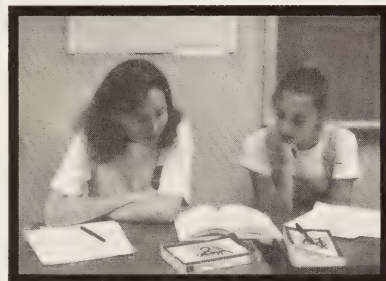
April Stafford



**What?** Hunter Matheson looks on as Katherine Kimbrell answers a question. Often Katherine shared her very knowledgeable opinion. However, English was not one of her favorite classes.

*Photo by Rita Botts.*

**Sharing.** Glad to share, Ann Davidson allows Amy Spittler to look on. During English, the class often used various books instead of the assigned school books. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



**Lectures...** Mr. Ocheltree stands in front of his class, giving his rendition of the world. As well as being an excellent teacher, Ocheltree coaches the girls cross country team. Many teachers taught during the day and were coaches after school.

*Photo by Rita Botts*





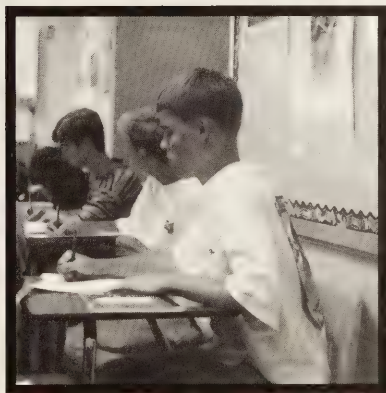
# REQUIREMENTS

## ENGLISH AND HISTORY

Since birth we have been taught English. As we grow up we learn to read it, write it, and perfect our grammar. School adds to the chaos by requiring it. Some students still lack the knowledge of the language they have been taught for life. When asked, Chad Martin said this of English: "En clase de Engles, mi amigos y yo tuvemos—" Trying again Matt Korniotis joked, "The art of the English language is one of respect and world renowned knowledge. The importance and significance is great in today's world and I feel privileged to be offered such a grand course here at Stafford High." Yet we do need these "common" skills of grammar, reading, and writing to survive.

Another required course is History. The teaching of our nation's history and the building of a respectable nation is taught by many intelligent teachers here at Stafford. The class may grow boring, yet teachers, such as Mr. Powell, keep activities under their sleeves when the time arises for excitement. When asked, Jennie Tuscany said, "Mr. Powell makes History interesting, never have I been so excited to go to a class." Other juniors felt the same way of their History teachers, and enjoyed the chance to learn of their nation.

The requirements of Stafford and any high school are to teach students the things they should know. Without the knowledge of English, what would we speak? Without the knowledge of our nation, where would our pride be? *Story by Andi Bordick*



**Zorro?** Looking at guest speaker Mr. Tony Tassa, Justin Beck and Tia Johnson are amazed by his sword skills. Mr. Tony Tassa was doing a presentation on Shakespeare for Mrs. Conners ninth grade English classes. Guest speakers are an excitement for most classes and are a relief after the normal note taking of the English classes. *Photo by Jessica Moore.*

**Write Faster!!** Josh Thompson keeps up with the class notes. Notes were a daily exercise in the social studies hall. Teachers liked to change the routine and added other events in their agenda. *Photo by Rita Botts*



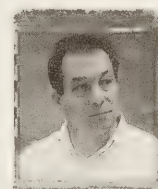
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Richard Moncrief

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Nancy Wilson



Cynthia Tyler



# EQUATIONS

## SO MUCH TO LEARN, AND SO LITTLE TIME.

Nancy Baughan



Lisa Baumgartner

Eileen Cash



Sharon Cloud

Wanda Dangerfield



Jacquelyn Davis

David Hinds



Bernard Humphrey

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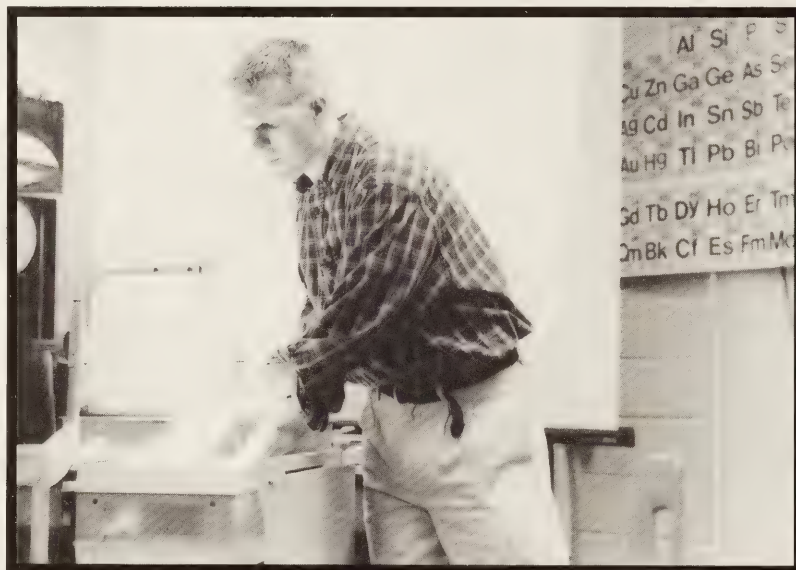
Rosalie Trainor



For some students, science and math may be their easiest classes; for others however, they struggle to stay ahead. Students are found in an array of different classes based on their preference or ability level. "Math Analysis was really hard for me so I dropped down to Algebra III," said Brett Lively. Michelle Dean agreed, "Math Analysis is really hard but I stuck with it and I'm not doing so bad."

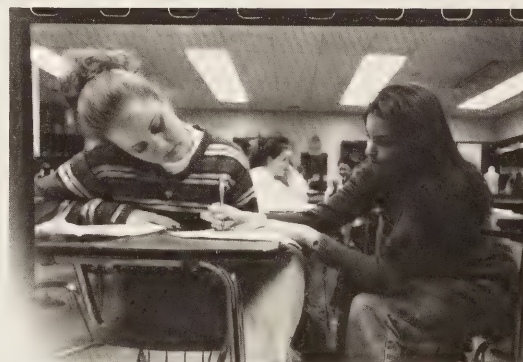
In the science area, students enjoyed a lot of privileges of their individual classes. Those who are in marine biology got to go on a boating trip, while those in Physics enjoyed a number of projects to test their creative ability. "When we did the egg drop, mine didn't break," said Alex Doyal. Physics students also made miniature scale bridges and tested their weight endurance. "Our bridge held the maximum weight of 78 pounds," said sisters Elizabeth and CeCe Cho. Hunter Matheson and Katherine Kimbrell's bridge held more than the maximum weight. "Mr. Byrne ran out of weights," said Hunter Matheson. Some who were in Geology went on a field trip to find rocks for their class, such as Shannon Barnes, who said, "I found some cute little rocks that I'll get to make stuff out of for class."

Yet, no matter what science or math the students were in, they all had different ups and downs. Whether they were in biology, chemistry or physics, science was a creative learning experience. As for math, well, in simple terms Caroline Miles said, "Well, math is math. I don't like it but I've gotta live with it." Story by Nicole Brors



**Periodic Elements** Explaining the table of elements, Chemistry teacher Mr. Matt Schrader explains the lesson to the class. He had to be sure he knew every concept in case any questions arose.

Teachers had to be sure to find a pace at which everyone could learn. Photo by Courtney Berry.



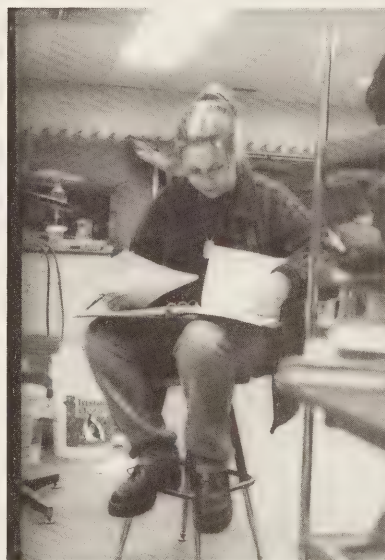
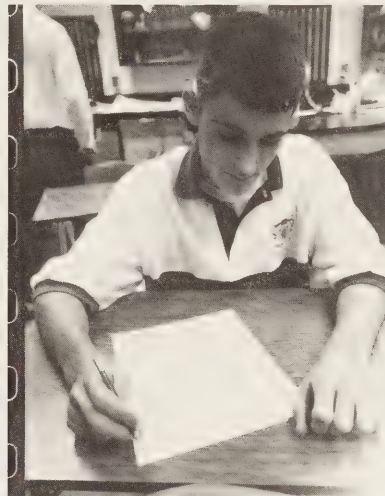
**Takin' Notes** Working hard, Brandi Lauderman and Melissa Peretich concentrate in chemistry. Help from others was always welcomed when one was feeling somewhat behind. Photo by Darragh Copley.





**Operation Egg Drop**  
Looking cautiously, Terrie Carmichael is suddenly unsure of her egg fixture's durability. Many of the Physics students soon found out how much their work was really worth. *Photo by Brian Koppel.*

**Where to Start** Preparing for a test, Tom Daly looks over his paper. Tests did not only include problems from class notes, but also knowledge from the chapter. Chemistry actually involved a lot of math. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*



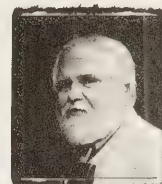
**Where are those Notes?** Looking through her notes, Becky Oliver studies in science. Studying was a necessary habit for many students to survive their science class. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*



Valerie Wick



Roger Brown



Richard Byrne



Carolyn Childress



Robert Dayfield



Kathy Dennis



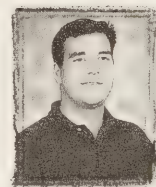
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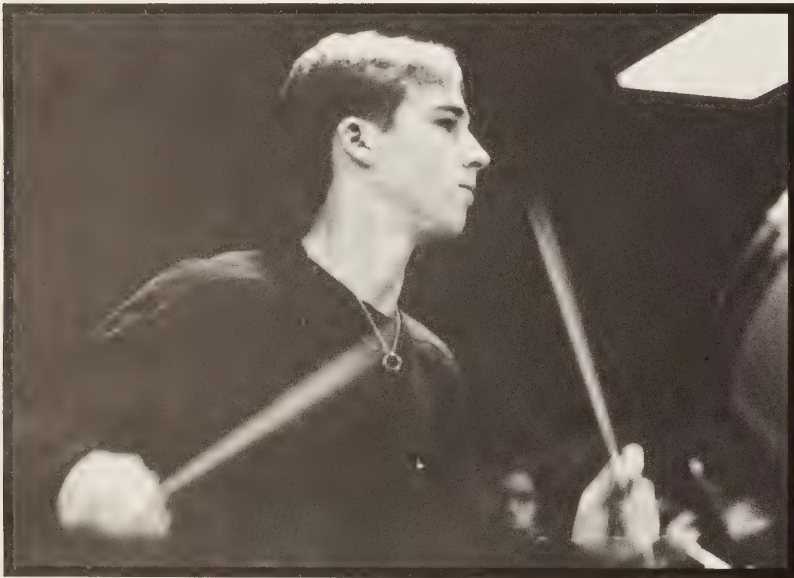
Amy Summerfield



**Going Solo** While classmates look on, Mike Barnum practices his solo on the piece. It was a honor to receive a solo, but it also meant extra practice. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*



**Fooling Around** Nathan Kravetz and Scott Whitestone have some fun before class starts. There was not much time before class started, so students soon tuned up and got ready to go. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*



**Rap Tap Tap** Beating away at the drums, John Gayle displays his talents while having fun. Most students enjoyed having fun while creating their own rhythm of music. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*

**Got the Blues?** Tim Podleisek tunes his saxophone up and gets ready to play. At the Christmas concert Tim was one of the star soloists. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*







Chuck Hite

# TERRIFIC TUNES

## STRIKE UP THE BAND

When walking up the P.E. hallway, have you ever stopped outside to listen to the wonderful melodies emerging from the band room? This music is coming from Stafford's three bands.

Stafford's band department is composed of the wind ensemble, symphonic band, and jazz band. The wind ensemble is composed of students who excel in their music abilities, and are thinking of making it a career later in life. The symphonic band is for students to work on their technique and eventually move into wind ensemble. Finally, the jazz band is for students who want to explore their creative side. This band does not restrict its players to one type or piece of sheet music, but allows them to ad lib as they continue.

Everyone at Stafford got to see the talents of these students at the annual Christmas concert. These students also performed at their festival where they played to receive a rating. Traditionally Stafford's band receives superior ratings, which is the highest rating possible.

Travis Cooper and Jon Barnum summed it up by saying, "The band is the most fun we will ever have and it has been full of experiences we will remember for the rest of our lives. When we perform it is the biggest rush we will ever feel when our fellow school mates cheer us on." *Story by Amy Cooper*

**Taking a Break** Allison Spach takes a break from playing to chat with some friends. With all the hard work involved there was very little time to socialize so they took advantage of every second possible. *Photo by Carin Stoelker.*



**Struming Away** Practicing his guitar, Michael Payne finishes up a piece with the jazz band. Students liked the jazz band because it gave them a chance to be creative and enjoy music at the same time. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*

**Practicing Hard** Playing their saxophones, Kristen McCants and Brandon Gennings practice hard. Being a part of the band required hard work and concentration on everybody's part. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*





**High Notes** Chorus was an opportunity for students to express their musical talents. Dan Mullins practices with Mrs. Thompson to prepare for a performance. *Photo by*

*Darragh Copley*



# IN HARMONY

## ORCHESTRA & CHORUS FILL THE SCHOOL WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Where would Stafford be without the harmony of our orchestra and choral groups? Not only do they add to our seasonal concerts, they compete and sing their way into various awards and honors. Chorus and orchestra consists of students with a true love of music and enjoyment in performing.

"Chorus gives me a chance to act and to sing at the same time," said Amanda Smith. The music programs, such as chorus and orchestra, give students like Amanda the opportunity to explore the musical field and to experience performing and being on center stage. Peter Bennett has been playing the cello since middle school and was in orchestra this past year. "I've been doing it a long time; it takes practice," Peter commented.

The music programs at Stafford create opportunities and the experience needed for students who want to pursue music in the future. "It's cool to have a class where you turn in music, not just book work," said Johann Ohler. Whether their goal was to be a professional singer or musician or they just really had a love for music, the music department was a big part of many student's Stafford High adventure! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz*

**Practice makes Perfect** Students in band classes had to constantly practice their talents in order to improve. Megan Thomas practiced during her music period in the band room. It was a relaxing part of the day for many students to get away from tests and written work.

*Photo by Darragh Copley*

**In Harmony** Orchestra students had to use great concentration to perfect their talents. Christine Penn and Lexie Keaton practice together to make sure their music went together accurately. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart*



**Getting it Together** The chorus program included many groups for boys and girls to combine their skills. Nathan Havasy, Bryan Eland, Jennifer Swansburg, Gee Gee Bean and Alex Doyal all practiced for the annual Christmas Choral Concert.

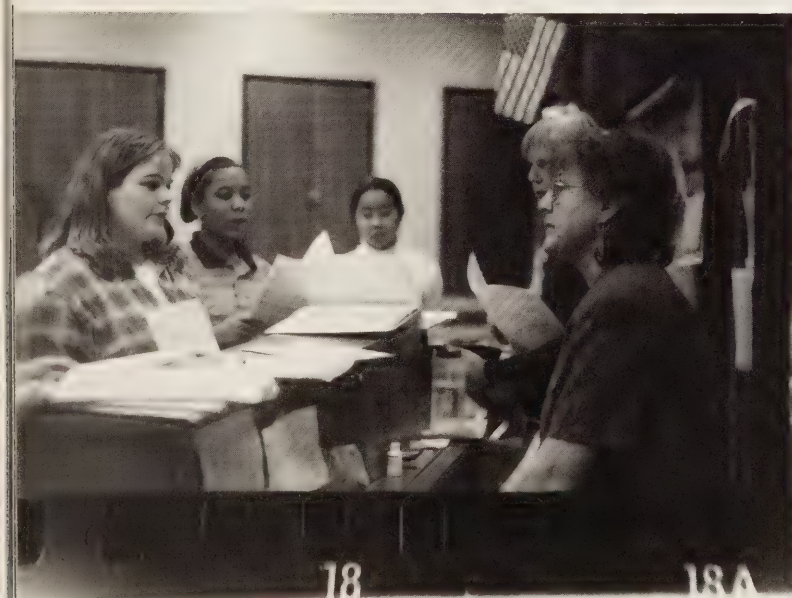
*Photo by Jeremy Conrad*







**A Musical Day** Playing an instrument was an important part of many students' days. Surima Whitfield practiced the flute in Mr. Hite's band room. It was important to keep practicing new songs for different performances. *Photo by Darragh Copley*



**A Lighter Note** Chorus students crowded around the piano to sing and to ask questions. Mrs. Thompson was always really helpful to students who needed her help. Lindsay Whitestone smiles as she inquired about a new song she was working on. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart*



*Susan Thompson*



*Dave Marshall*



# NEWS

## BRINGING BACK THE INFO

Hurry, rush, get there quick, take the picture, get the quote, tape the game, get back to class, and begin revising it. The end. Well, not really, but it might seem that way to those who have the privilege of watching these students get their work done. Yet, as always, in the end the students of photo journalism, journalism, and video broadcasting prevailed, producing another great Indian Legend, Smoke Signal, and Video Yearbook that contained all the great memories of the year.

The yearbook staff was led by the yearbook genius Mr. Mark Hughes, who was responsible for keeping everything running smoothly during the stressful weeks prior to the completion of the yearbook. Students were responsible for gathering quotes, pictures and information, and then laying it all out for the yearbook. All students, whether they were a writer or designer or photographer, had many deadlines to keep up with during the year. Each week writers and photographers turned in their deadlines to be edited; after that was done the designers then laid everything out. There was the constant encouragement and advice from Mr. Hughes who said, "You all are doing a great job. Just don't get behind on your deadlines. Yearbook students had many responsibilities." Danielle King said, "Having to keep up with all the seniors' stats and get them typed in on time gets to be a pain but the class is fun."

The Smoke Signal was kept in constant forward motion by Mr. Brian Driver who helped out with the paper whenever he was needed. Students that made it through the first year of journalism and decided to take it for a second year got to work on the paper. For the most part the first year was to prepare students for working on the school paper. In her second year of journalism Beth MacDonald said, "I'm really glad I took it last year because it has made this year so much more fun." Each student contributed to at least one section of the newspaper, doing their part to make the Smoke Signal an excellent paper.

Finally the video broadcasting classes were kept on the move by their teacher Mr. Tom Clark. Throughout the year the students had many different projects to keep up with. For some students an occasional appearance on the morning announcements was enough to keep busy with. Yet, whatever students say, there was plenty to keep them busy. Katie Kolakowski said, "We take video and bring it back and go through the whole process of editing it." Another video broadcasting related project was the infamous video yearbook. After being introduced during the 96-97 school year, the video yearbook once again was incorporated into the big scheme of journalism related topics. Senior Morgan Baker worked long and hard on the video yearbook and said, "So far the video yearbook is coming along great; right now we are editing some tape and putting it together." Story by Sean L. Farmer.



**Yearbook Sale** As the year started off so did the sales of the yearbooks. Aaron Austin and Danielle King prepare signs for the beginning of the sales. Many efforts were made by the yearbook staff to get sales up and running early on in the year. Photo by Laura Crigler.

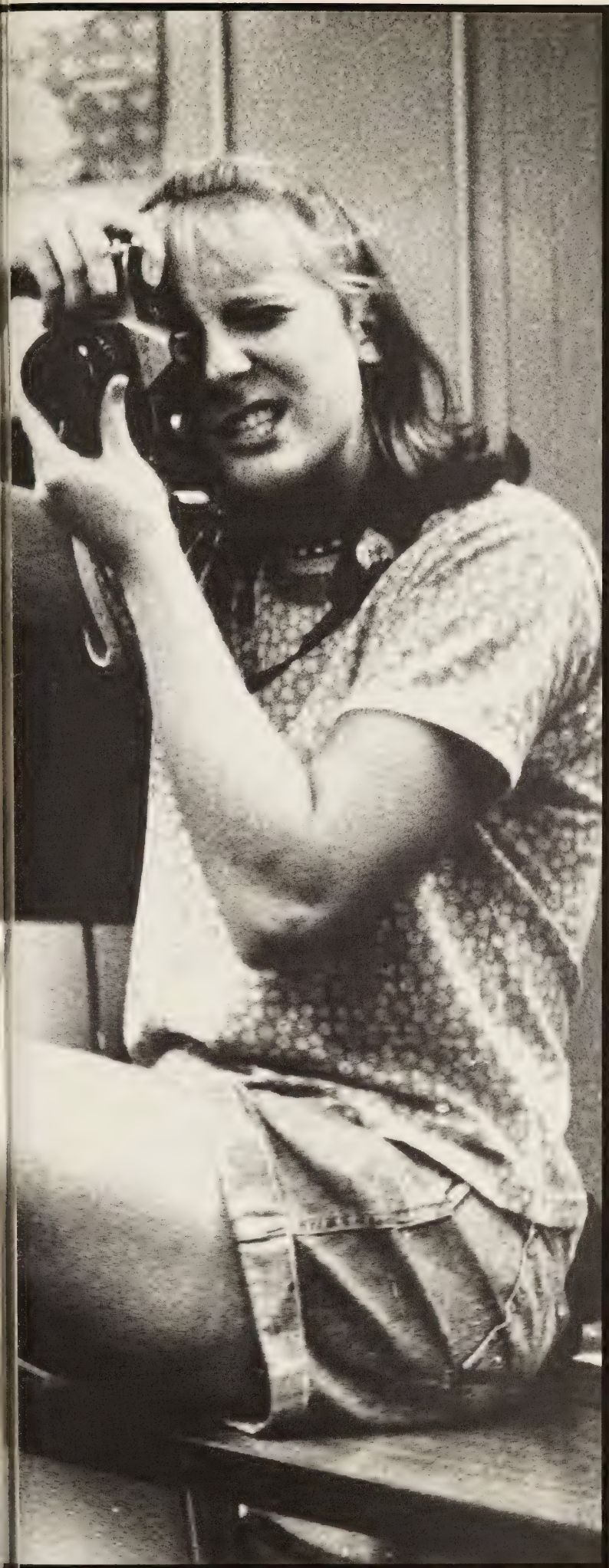
**Getting Down Low** Throughout the year photographers are taught to move around while taking pictures; Jessica Rose demonstrates one of these methods. Mr. Hughes constantly stressed to his photographers that they shouldn't take every picture the exact same way. Photographers were expected to go to all the school events during the year and capture those magical moments on camera. Photo by Laura Crigler.



**Mighty Spiffy!** Shyly smiling Matt Thompson patiently waits as Amy Parsons puts the finishing touches on his outfit. Many of the yearbook students helped out with getting the seniors ready during the week of senior portraits. Along with all the responsibilities with being on the yearbook staff there were many extra jobs that went along with it. Photo by Laura Crigler.







**Type Much?** For all the writers in yearbook it was necessary to be able to type fast. Nicole Brors worked hard all year to keep her stories up to date and to have them typed in on time. The entire yearbook was laid out on the computers in the yearbook room, the writers typed in their deadlines, and the designers scanned in the pictures taken by the photographers. Throughout the year various sections of the yearbook were sent in to the company responsible for producing it. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



Brian Driver



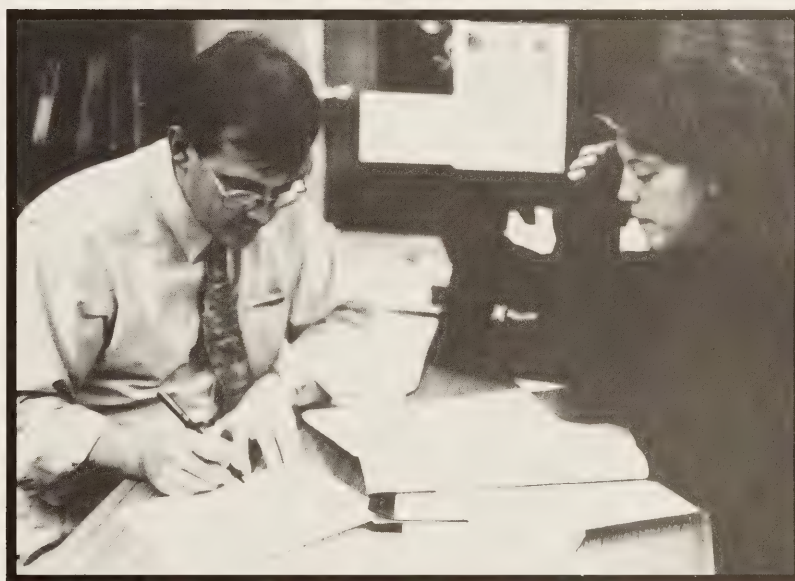
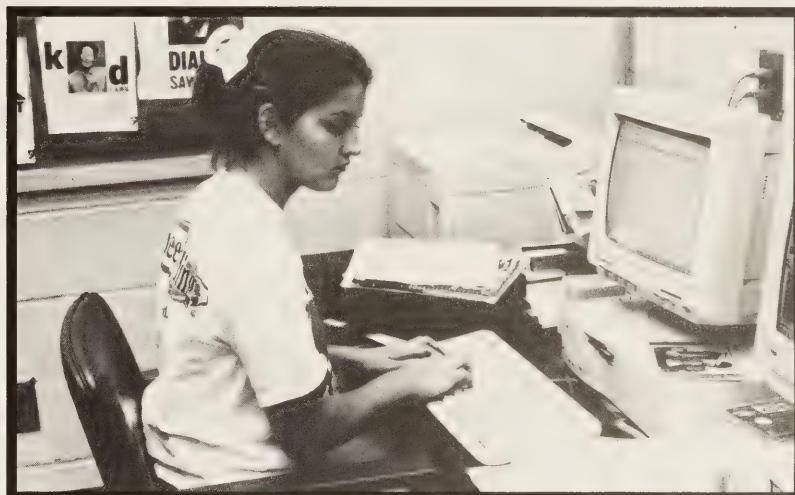
Mark Hughes



Tom Clark



Todd Welker



**It's Conference Time** After everything has been caught up, checked, turned in, and revised, Brittany Jennings and Mr. Driver sit down and talk about each little detail with her work for the latest issue of the Smoke Signal. Communication was a key issue in Journalism because everybody had to work together. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

**Say Cheese** Sometimes photographers even managed to get pictures of people taking pictures. Rita Stevens, the yearbook's Photo Editor, patiently waits for the right moment to snag a picture for one of her deadlines. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



Judy Bunn



Elizabeth Dixon

Wayne Eubank



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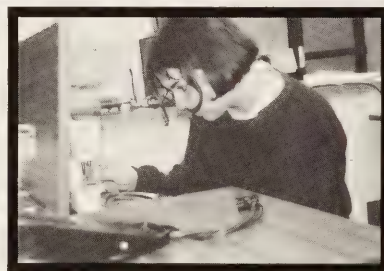
# FUTURE PLANS

## PREPARING FOR THEIR FUTURE

"These classes help prepare us for the future and help us in the real world," said Kristen Ripley about the business, vocational and technology classes here at Stafford. There was a wide range of classes from CIS, (Computer Information System) to video broadcasting to auto mechanics, and other various courses. "There is a lot of basic programing too," said Tasha Nfickens. She then added, "As long as you follow the teachers' instructions you'll do just fine." Most of the students enjoyed taking a break from the paper work to take these classes. "The class helps me take a break from the regular paperwork," remarked Matt Cribb. "It's the type of class that helps boost up your GPA," remarked Emily Godfrey. Kyle Boutchyard totally disagreed, "It's hard keeping up with the work because everything is new to you." All in all everyone seemed to enjoy taking these classes, and in turn helping build their futures. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*

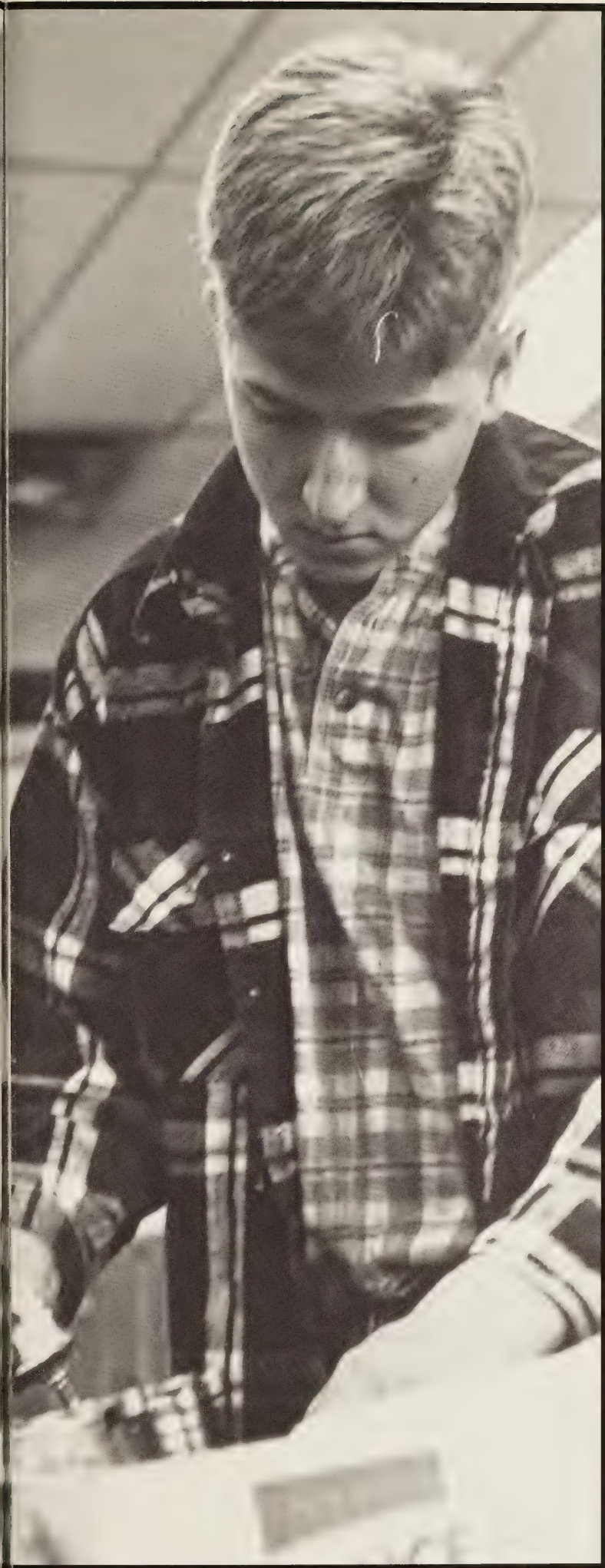


**No buts about it!** The automechanic class gets down and dirty while busily working on a school bus. Throughout the year the students learned about cars and car parts and were taught how to fix them. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



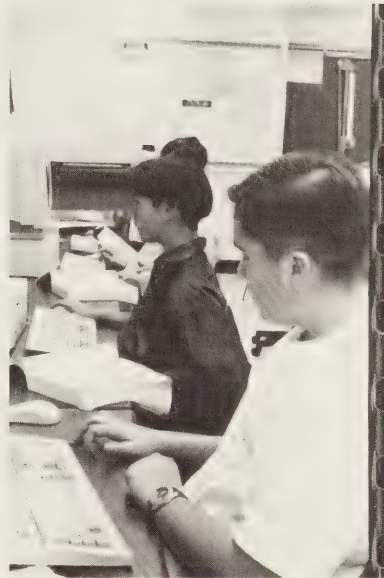
**Sewing** Making sure that everything is in place, Amiee Hildebrand begins to sew in home economics. Home Ec. was not just a class were one could bake cookies and get an easy grade. *Photo by Derek Fults.*





**Down and dirty.** Jared Brooker gets his hands messed up while trying to complete a project in technology class. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

**Typing away.** Trying to finish an assignment, Josh Burgess and William Neese type away at the keyboard. Many students took typing classes this year to ready themselves for their future jobs. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



Tricia Jacobs



Robert Jett



Vic Long



John Prowett



Bill Thorton



Todd Welker



Terry Wilson



**Cutting Edge** While working on a project, Scott McClellan makes sure that he is taking proper safety measures. It was important to make sure that the correct steps were taken in order to keep one's body parts and make sure that nothing got caught up in the saw. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



**Styling** Making sure that the style is right, Tameka Branham and Megan Kirpatrick put the finishing touches on their mannequin heads. *Photo by Lisa Gibson.*





Rachel Sigler



Holly Dittmar



Mark Hughes



Tom Clark

# EXPRESSIONS

## THE IN'S AND OUT'S

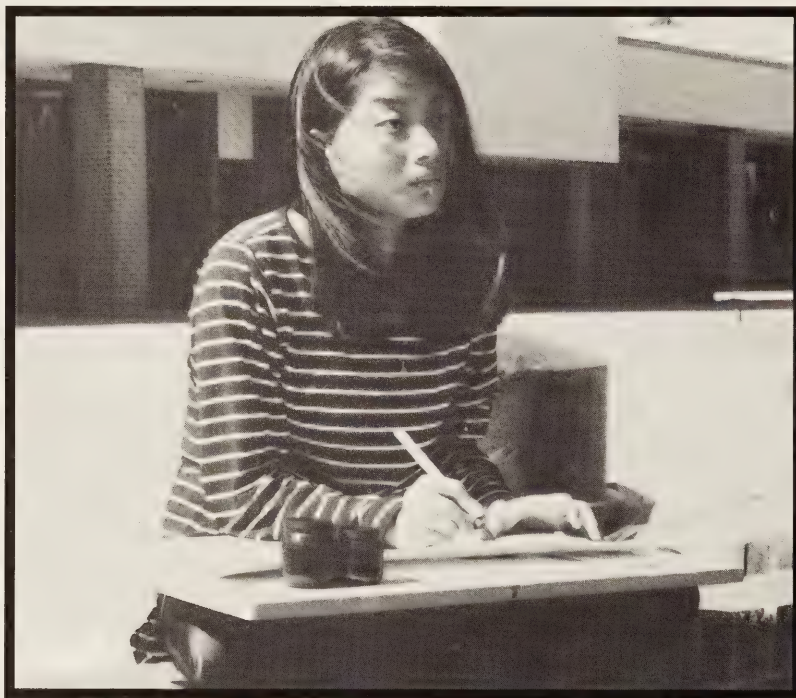
Talented artists and actors are among the students that walk the halls each day. Evidence of their hard work can be found in the display case outside the art room and the plays they perform each year. Art and drama are their means of expression.

"Art is my way of expressing myself and my frustrations with the world. Besides, it's something I'm actually good at," noted Frank Trivett. For students, it's more than a simple class, it's a way to take a break and put thoughts and feelings down on paper. Mrs. Dittmar said, "I like seeing the different diversity and art of everybody when I give them the same assignment."

The drama team at Stafford is made up of very talented and dedicated actors. This year's production was "The Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged." This play came off as a success. These talented actors put in time rehearsing lines and practicing to make the play look like perfection. Many of these casts members not only saw drama as an extracurricular activity, but a career path.

All in all, these creative students are greatly appreciated for all of their hard work and dedication. We will probably see them succeed and see their work in an art gallery, or watch them on a Broadway production. *Story by Amy Cooper.*

**Focusing Hard** Elizabeth Cho concentrates as she paints a view of the pond. Most art students enjoy painting because it gives them a chance to express their creativity. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

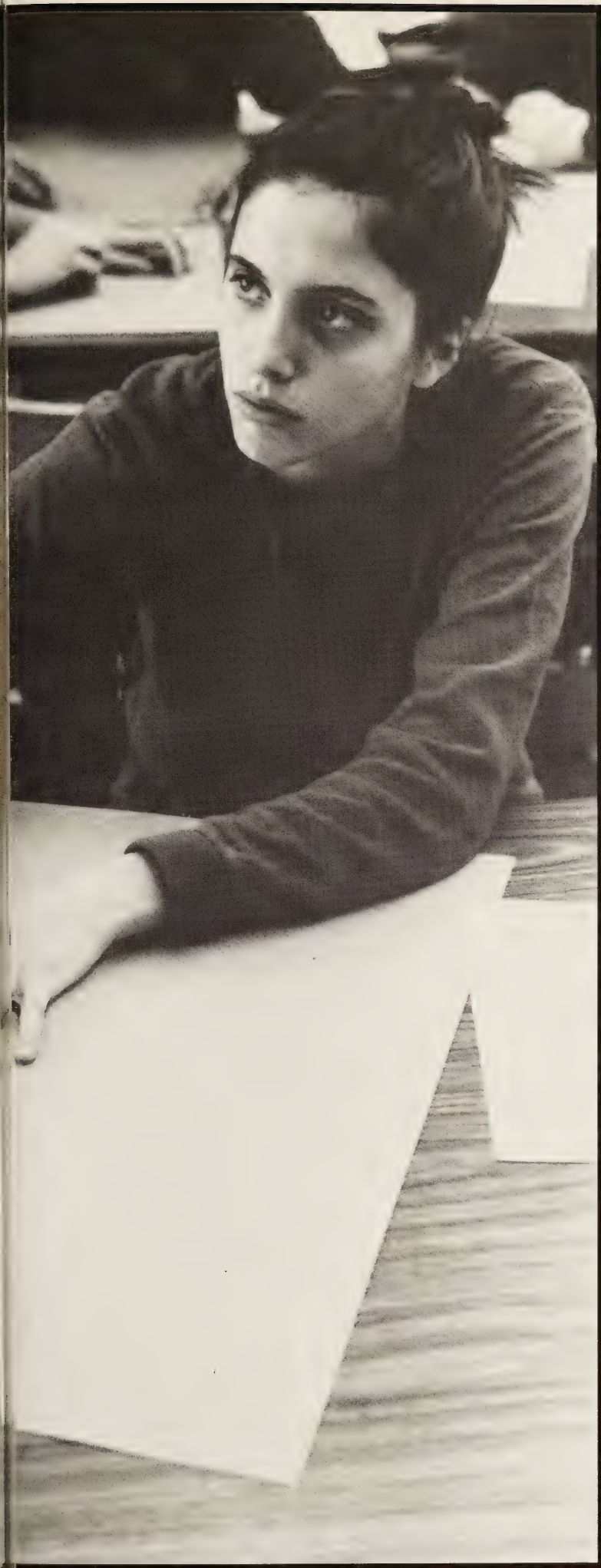


**Lights, Camera, Action** Performing to perfection, Janet Douberly and David Jett perform in the fall production. Drama students practiced long and hard to get their performances just right. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Deep Concentration** In Art III, Chelsea Wickline, Katie Staab, Becky Doyal, and Valerie Thompson all focus on a model. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

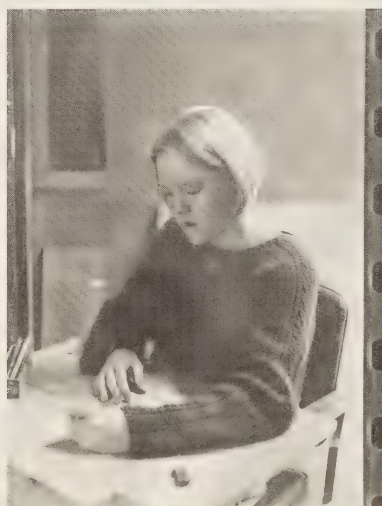






**"Don't Move"** Rita Botts keeps her eyes on the target as she sketches a model. Art class was a fun way to express your creativity and talents. Many students stayed in art for all four years of high school. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

**Creative Expressions** Scott Ramsburg, Cramer Thompson, Morgan Baker, and Patricia Gibson recreate a scene from one of Shakespeare's famous plays. Most people in Drama had the talent of performing almost anything flawlessly. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



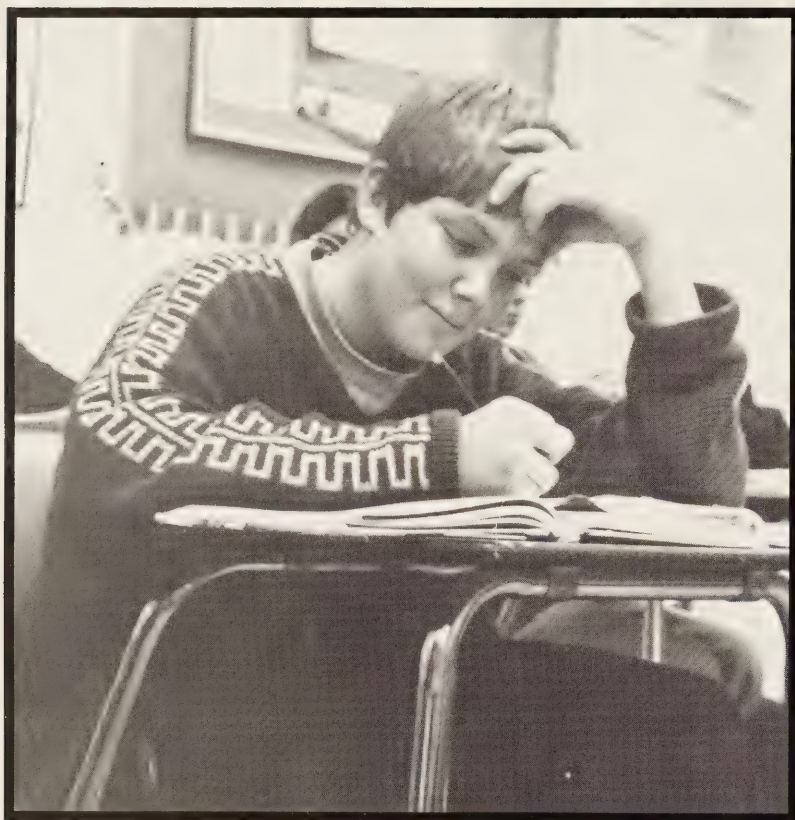
**Dynamic Drawer** Mary Smart concentrates as she uses her artistic talents to draw a sketch. Being in art for four years, Mary has learned a lot and practices her talent every day. Many of the Art 4 students still use what they learned on the first day of art, four years ago.

*Photo by Jessica Rose.*



**Tests...** I hate tests, Stephanie Stuller tells herself as she regrets taking foreign language. Taking a foreign language was a requirement in order to graduate. Spanish was the most popular one taken. *Photo by Rita Botts.*

**Smile.** Trying to be suave for the camera, Tim York appears to be studious. Studying was a necessity in all foreign language classes. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**Fiesta!!** The good stuff in Spanish finally shines through. Sarah Hatcher, Rachel Tarney, and Arend Bolthouse dig in to some Spanish munchies. A great change, food had more appeal than normal verb conjugation and grammar lessons of the week. *Photo by Rita Botts.*





# NO ENGLISH!!!!

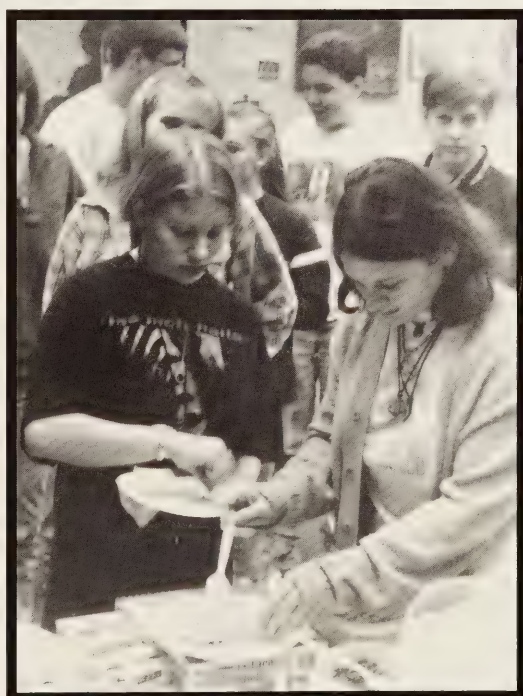
## A COMMON PHRASE HEARD BY STUDENTS IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HALLWAY

Stafford offers many language courses ranging from Spanish to Japanese. To graduate, at least three years of one language or two years of two different languages are required. Stephanie Heffermen felt, "I wouldn't take a foreign language class if I didn't have to."

However, many students pursue a language and attempt to learn everything about it. There are many language clubs and events that bring students closer together for a great cultural experience. Jessye Cooley commented, "Even though many students find it a nuisance, it will be useful in the future." Jessye is in her fifth year of Spanish and feels the fun and relaxed atmosphere of her current class was worth the struggle of the other years.

Taking a language is not just based on the grammatical usage. Students learn a diverse mix of things. Cramer Thompson stated, "I am in my 3rd year of German and I have learned history, culture, and life-styles, as well as the language." Yet some still feel it is a waste of their time. "By the time I had gone through almost four years of French, I realized that the language didn't make much sense at all and I didn't really like it," Adrienne Brown expressed.

Either way a different language is interpreted, the world is full of diverse people, with many different languages. This close bondage of learning another culture and language, brings the world closer together and works to solve ethnic differences. *Story by Andi Bordick*



### Food, Food, and More Food!!!

Elizabeth Kinkaid and Kristin Johnson make tacos for their Spanish assignment. The class enjoyed the food brought in by other classmates and the great cooking skills of Mrs. McClung.

*Photo by Rita Botts.*

Darci L. Bronder



Linda Cannon



Betty Dameron



Laura Fausto



Alicia Faggart



Pat Jones



Elissa Loudon



Ann McClung



Diane Shugart



Wayne Wray



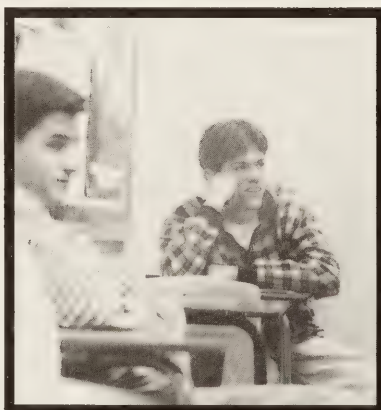


**Safe Driving** Concentrating on the road, Brandon Lutz sits in the driving truck. Behind the Wheel was an important part of learning to drive. Instructors had to be sure the students knew what they were doing before they went out on their own.

*Photo by Carin Stoelker.*



**Am I Clear?** Behind the wheel is Brandon Lutz as he maneuvers his way around the cones. Students spent many hours on the driving range before actually going on the road. They had to be sure to get a sufficient amount of practice before the big test. *Photo by Carin Stoelker.*



**How Interesting** Listening to the class discussion, Reuban Blah sits in Driver's Education while Michael Barnum looks on. After nine weeks, students were then ready to go behind the wheel. The highlight of many sophomore's year was receiving their driver's license. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*





# HEALTHY & SAFE DRIVERS

## P.E. AND DRIVER'S ED. OFFER A BREAK FROM THE DAILY ROUTINE

Part of being an underclassmen is the ever-looked-forward-to (or dreaded) gym/health class. Many students enjoyed the free time when they got to exercise and play games, but some didn't always like the health part too much. "I wish Coach Kraus would lighten up on the long quizzes and tests," said Mark Kitchens.

Yet sophomores took driver's education instead of the long health class. Many students found this to be a big step up from freshman health. "Driver's Ed. was fun; Coach Ripley taught us what we needed to know, and we had an O.K. time listening to his crazy jokes," said Jennifer Brindle. But not everyone had this same outlook, as Bobbi Decatur said, "Driver's Ed. was alright—I had it first period so it was kinda boring. But at least now I'll be able to drive soon!"

P.E., Health, and Driver's Ed. all being very different, were all alike in preparing a student for life ahead. P.E. and health helped students to learn about good physical condition while Driver's Ed. taught them the rules of the road, before they joined the madness of the real roads. *Story by Nicole Brors.*



**Don't Pull a Muscle!** Carson Tyson does his daily routine of stretching in gym class to prepare for a long period of running. Running days were on every Tuesday and Thursday while activities occupied the rest of the week. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*

**Not So Fast** Playing indoor hockey, Lisa Sattlewhite and R.C. Coates fight for the ball. Indoor hockey was a favorite among many students. Gym was always a bit funnier when students had exciting activities. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*



Janet L. Baggett



Angela Harding



John Kraus



Wendy Payne



Dale Portner



David Ripley



Steve Spicer

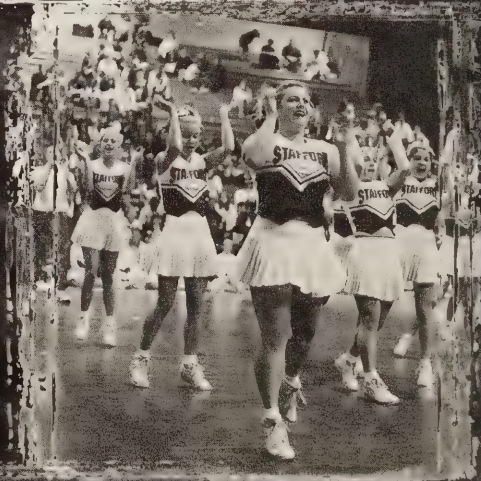


# sports

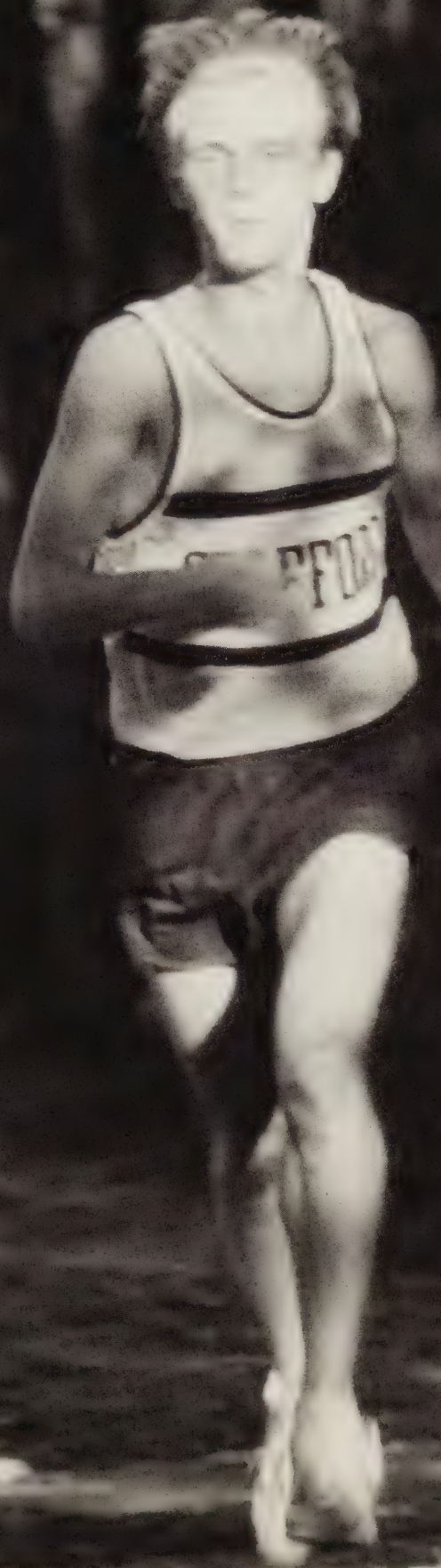
Sports provided experiences for students unlike any other. People who suffered together through long, grueling practices tended to grow closer together. Friendships and memories were formed that would prove to last for years to come. Ashley Sisson, a member of the tennis team, and Diedra Mullins, a member of the softball team, said, "I like the sense of family and being a part of a team. When times are toughest, that's when I feel closest to my teammates." Whether the memories consisted of triumphant victories or heartbreaking defeats, they were moments that would not be easily forgotten. "Sports has created a fun struggle for the past four years. I've loved every minute of it," said Seth Bourne, a member of the varsity baseball team. Though the work could be difficult at times, those who participated felt it was worth the extra effort.

Others played sports to keep them busy during the after school hours. Cheerleader Sarah Hall stated that, "Cheerleading gives me something to do after school. I guess it helps to keep me out of trouble, and is fun at the same time." Sports provided a fun outlet for students' energy. However, they were taken seriously by many athletes who thrived on the competition. It was this drive which resulted in many successful sports seasons.

*Story by Sara Philpott.*







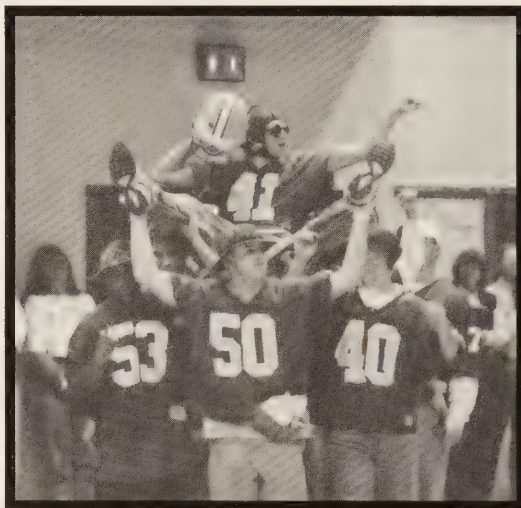




**Barreling Through** Charging down the field, Jerome Hill breaks away from the pack for a touchdown. Jerome was a star player who scored several times throughout the season. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*

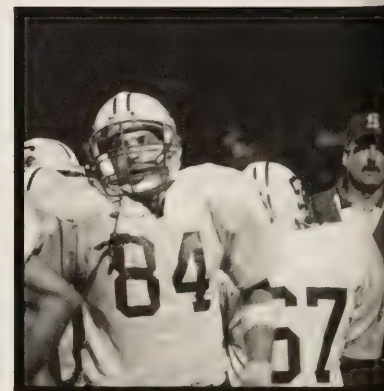
**Flying High** Making their grand entrance to the gym, the football team lifts up Chad Martin while walking to the tune "I Believe I Can Fly." Pep rallies were a great way to get the football team psyched up for their games.

*Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Down and Dirty** Getting all dirty, Ryan Clore and the defense team line up for the next play. This year the football team had a rainy season. By the end of every game the whole team was dirty. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Huddle** Working out the next play, Coach Kraus huddles his team. Strategy and teamwork were a large part of making a good team. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*





# T.C.B.

## Tough Country Boys

This year the mighty Stafford Indians came through with another great season. Unfortunately, Mother Nature tried to hold the Indians back by raining out several games, including Homecoming. Through the weather and other tough times these fighters barreled their way through the season.

One team member, Ryan Clore commented, "It was a tough season and a lot of work, but it as all worth it in the end. We had a lot of fun out there getting dirty." Other team members also felt that the season was successful, despite the scores of the game. "We had determination in our eyes, but with the rough season we didn't get to show it," commented Chris Kraus.

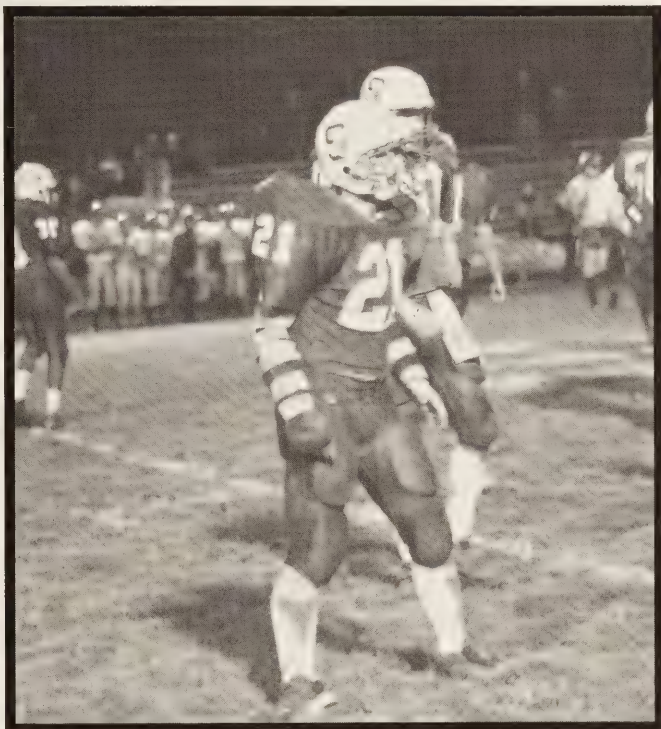
One of their accomplishments this season was having a victory over James Monroe, last year's State Champions. To celebrate this shocking victory, the players and cheerleaders sang their way home from J.M.

These Tough Country Boys have left the stadium for now, but they will be back this August to battle out the heat to start another great season and end it with a BANG! *Story by Amy Cooper.*

### varsity football

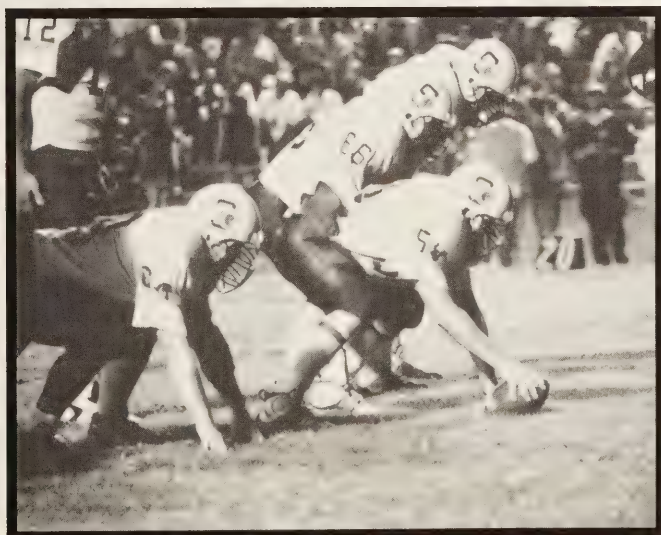
Osbourn Park .....	W
Woodbridge .....	L
Bishop McNamara .....	L
James Monroe .....	W
King George .....	W
Brooke Point .....	L
Culpeper .....	L
Chancellor .....	L
Courtland .....	W
North Stafford .....	L

**Varsity Football** *Front Row:* Ryan Clore, Justin Epperson, Chad Martin, Josh Chamberlin, Drew Penny, Randy Kliet, Warren Payne, Paul Deal, Derrell Dawson  
*Second Row:* Chris Kraus, Marcus Wattlington, Bach Whitlock, Eddie Johnson, Sean Byrne, Jerome Hill, Billy Ice, John Mike Steinmetz, Danny Pownall, Chris Cox  
*Third Row:* C.W. Harrison, Edwin Burton, Chris Hilary, Matt Monteiro, William Doherty, Travis Foss, Jason Bast, Charles Henderson, Chris Shiflett  
*Fourth Row:* Brian Satterwhite, David Dugan, Jay Smitz, Jake Gadd, Travis Sanders, Jeremy Shelton, Andy Truslow, Reece Banks



**Fighting Machine** Getting instructions from the coach, John Mike Steinmetz stares intensely. The coaches were famous for making last minute changes to a play in order to surprise the other team. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Hut Hut Hike** Getting ready for a play, Danny Pownell gets ready to hike the ball. The offense squad was a key element in making a successful team. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*





**Ready to Go** The J.V. football team gets ready for another big game. Junior Varsity players worked hard to prepare for varsity football in the coming years. *Photo by Darragh Copley*



### Be Aggressive!

The freshmen football teams played hard all during the season, and team work and conditioning were the keys to much deserved victories. Here, defensive players tackle an opposing team member and hold their enemy from a score. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart*



**Water Break** Water was a much needed necessity during a tough game. Chuck Shakelford takes a break from a J.V. football game to get some water. Sports trainers kept the water ready for the players during all games. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart*

**Looking on** The excitement of the game sometimes made it hard to decide who was at fault and when. Dan Daly looks on as he waits for a ref's call on the last play. Sometimes, this break came in handy for discussing future plays in the game. *Photo by Darragh Copley*



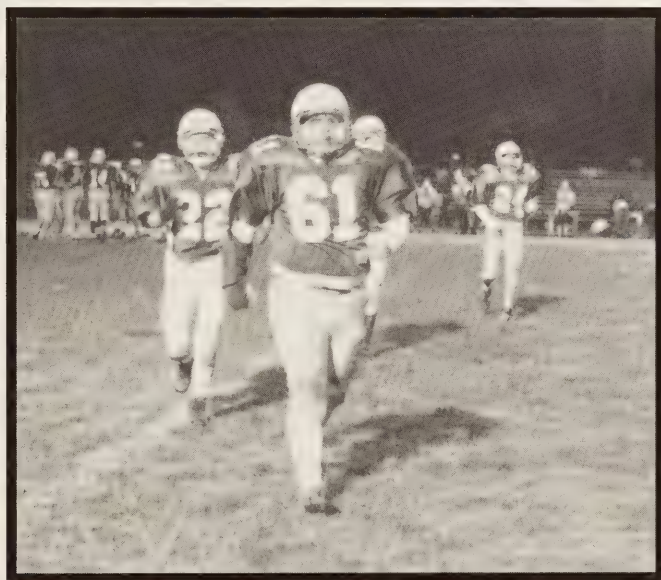


# We want a Touchdown!

## Freshmen and J.V. football look for victory

The freshmen and junior varsity football teams do not always get as much recognition as the varsity team, but they practice right along side of them in hopes that they will eventually play in their footsteps. Josh Clatterbuck, a freshmen football player said, "The practices were worth the playing time they got you." The freshmen and J.V. teams both began practicing during the summer and many conditioned in the previous year in preparation for the season ahead.

Playing junior varsity was an exciting step toward varsity for many players. Steven Love, a sophomore, was on the junior varsity team this year. "It's cool knowing that one day you will be on varsity," he commented. Eric Hudson said, "It's good practice for varsity, but you still want to win just as much, freshmen, J.V. or varsity!" The teams worked hard all season, practicing to achieve new heights. Recognition or not, they quietly won games and accomplished their own goals to make for a successful football season! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*



**Making a Run** During a time out in the game, Kevin Mitchell and Chris Keith runs toward the bench to hear what the coach has to say. It was important that everyone knew the next play and was ready to carry it out on the field. The games were tough and victory meant playing smart and playing tough. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart*

**J.V. Football** *Front Row:* Kevin Mitchell, Nick Mulenkamp, Jimmy Barr, Eric Hudson, Tony Gather, Jeff Sweidrak, Kyle Rose *Second Row:* Cory Auls, Kenny Albrey, Dan Daley, Tony DeMayo, Chuck Shackelford, GeeGee Bean, Chris Keith, Willie Anderson *Third Row:* Jaimie Atwell, Eugene Shevetz, Kennton Conlee, Matt Matter, Chris Burton, Jamel Ramsuer, Steven Love



### junior varsity football

Osborn Park	W
Woodbridge	L
Bishop McNamara	L
James Monroe	L
Albemarle	W
Brooke Point	L
Culpeper	L
Chancellor	W
Courtland	W
North Stafford	W

### freshmen football

Osborn Park	L
Woodbridge	W
Bishop McNamara	L
Albemarle	W
Brooke Point	L
Culpeper	L
Chancellor	L
Courtland	L
North Stafford	L

Jason Dauch-MVP. Tremendous set of kids in terms of work ethic and attitude. Their continuing efforts in the off-season conditioning and weightlifting program is extremely encouraging. Other Standouts: Lance Griffin, Jason Phipps, Kenny Henderson, Danny Lebar, Jeff Holacek and Scott Newton.



**Freshman Football** *Front Row:* Matt Foshee, Jason Zaluski, Sean Dare, Bryan McNulty *Second Row:* Carson Tyson, Josh Clatterbuck, Donnie Madison, J.R. Cooper, Scott Lawson, Tobias Merchant-Dest, Jason Douch, Josh Lester, Colby Stevenson *Third Row:* Scott Newton, Bryan Gaylen, Yair Rothman, Jason Phipps,



**Playing Some Tunes** After weeks and sometimes years of practice, the performers of the band finally got a chance to show their skills. Playing the trumpet, Matt Bennett concentrates hard on his music during one of the band's performances. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Time to Relax** Being in the marching band often proved to be rather exhausting especially for Garrett Green and his fellow drummers. The marching band practiced constantly throughout. Every Friday night, at least when the games weren't rained out, the marching band would march from the school to the field and perform at halftime. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



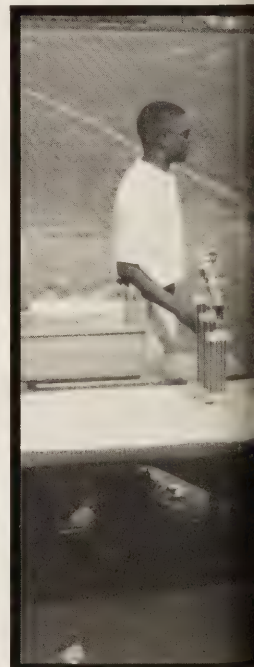
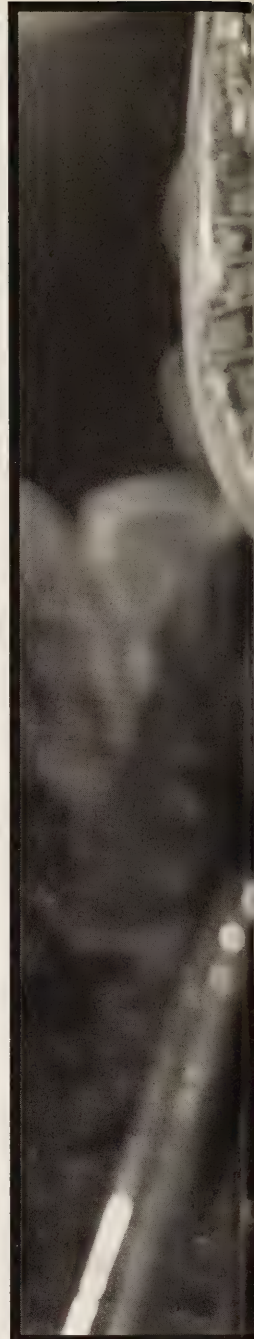
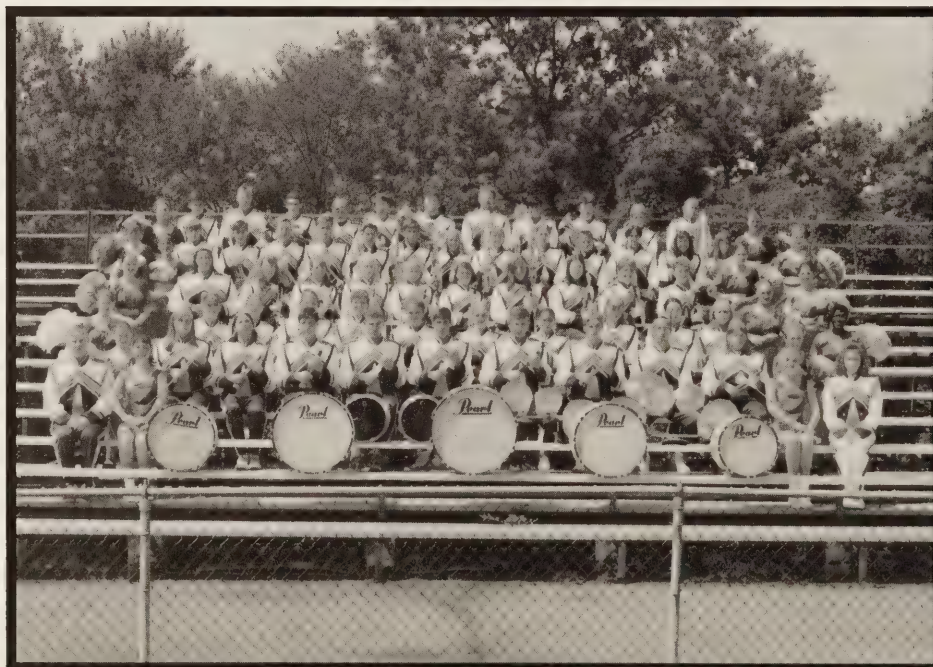
# Marchin' Indians

## The Stafford High marching band struts its stuff

The marching band made many appearances throughout the year. Every Friday night before the home football games the band made its march from the parking lot at the school all the way to the bleachers at the stadium. Once there they sat in the far right side of the bleachers proudly playing as they watched their team play. After the long wait they stood up and gathered together for the half time show. The band marched onto the field and waited for the cue from the directors. One of the directors was Mr. Hite's right hand man Travis Cooper. Travis said, "Part of being a director is being the right hand man for Mr. Hite and you have to have experience and knowledge within the band." Throughout the year the band would focus on a single theme throughout the show. Along with the band the students who choose to work the flags were given their chance to perform. Another bonus to the halftime show were the amazing skills displayed by the twirlers.

Other than the halftime shows, the marching band was involved in many other activities. The band competed in many different competitions during the year. Some of these competitions were held in the area and some were farther away like Tidewater. Laura Jane Johnson said, "We have a lot of competitions during the year. We just had a competition at Tidewater I think it was, and we totally kicked butt. It was great." Students devoted much of their time to the band, flags or the twirlers with performances on the weekends and at games. The marching band also played during the pep rallies lending the own version of school spirit to the crowd. They practiced everyday after school and oftentimes spent a couple of hours or more working on their performances. Another big moment for the marching band is the opportunity to participate in the Fredericksburg Christmas Parade. Everyone who went to the parade got the chance to see the band in action. *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

**Marching Band** *Front Row:* Travis Cooper, Allison Shephard, Scharlotte Kordich, Heather Bennett. *Second Row:* Becky Trice, Kim Beales, Derek Gayle, Steven Merenda, Jon Mark Sullivan, Garrett Green, Nick Powers, John Gayle, Romain Le Borgne, Stacey Thomas, Jenny Brooks, Nancy Cowans. *Third Row:* Leslie Ann Johnson, Edith Bowers, Sara Wood, Megan Thomas, Jennifer Beard, Rebecca McIntosh, Amy Bogardus, Christine Ouellette, Stephanie Nesmith, Christa Spykes, Kristen Hatch, Monica North, Tiffany Rutland. *Fourth Row:* Heather Rutland, Elizabeth Holland, Stephanie Skeen, Melanie Hill, Laura Jane Johnson, Sarah Stamps, Laura Gardner, Amanda Sprague, Tracy Mann, Lindsey Lemoine, Jeff Henkel, Matt Early, Laura Hickman. *Fifth Row:* Michi Otis, Johan Ohman, Matthew Bennett, Tim Brennan, John Barnum, Kyle Boutchyard, Brandon Jennings, Kristin McCants, Brooke Davis, Amy Mann, Greg McBride, Bruce Tuttle, Erin Kerby, Allison Spach, Sarah Leimer. *Sixth Row:* Elizabeth Staggs, Mike Barnum, Mike Whitney, Daniel Davis, Chip Thompson, John Paul Rapier, Curtis Calhoun, Josh Farrar, Ben Schabert, Kevin Cotter, Chris Wahl, Mike Miner, Angie McIntosh







**We Be Jammin'** As the old proverb goes practice makes perfect, but it didn't have to be boring. Senior Mike Payne spent much of his time playing music; he didn't care whether it was his bass guitar or tuba. For the members in the marching band, music was as much a part of life as homework was for other students.

*Photo by Laura Crigler.*

**Drummer Boys** On September 20, 1997 the drum line took first place in a competition at Varina High School. The drum captains were dressed in black as they waited to receive their award. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

**Playing The Blues** At no time during the year could one of the band members be found slacking off on their musical skills. Kristen McCants prepares for one of her assemblies or competitions by playing a few tunes to get the feel of things. Many students simply enjoyed being able to play and would have done so even if there wasn't a class. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



# Passion To Play

**Varsity Field Hockey** *Front Row:* Crystal Carper. *Second Row:* Bonnie Combs, Jan Augustine, Betsy Decatur. *Third Row:* Jessica Moore, Bobbi Decatur, Sara Hatcher, Allison Derr. *Fourth Row:* Amy Butler, Becky Doyal, Amanda Evans, Jamie Hillian, Darla Stevens. *Fifth Row:* Elizabeth Campbell, Katie Kolakowski, Sara Philpott, Lindsay Coker.



## varsity field hockey

James Monroe .....	W .....	2-1
Culpeper .....	W .....	5-1
Brooke Point .....	W .....	4-0
Chancellor .....	W .....	3-0
Woodbridge .....	W .....	1-2
James Monroe .....	W .....	3-1
Courtland .....	W .....	2-0
Culpeper .....	W .....	3-0
North Stafford .....	W .....	1-0
Brooke Point .....	W .....	4-1
Chancellor .....	W .....	2-0
Woodbridge .....	L .....	2-3
Courtland .....	W .....	2-0
North Stafford .....	W .....	2-1
Courtland .....	W .....	1-0
North Stafford .....	W .....	1-0
Albemarle .....	W .....	1-0
North Stafford .....	W .....	1-0
Kellam .....	L .....	1-4



**J.V. Field Hockey** *Front Row:* Annie Strickler, Amanda Johnson, Laurie Watts, Angela Feindt, Katherine Thompson, Stephanie Trant. *Second Row:* Stephanie Heffernan, Jaimie Sullivan, Kelly Coppage, Joanne Yednock, Ashley Covington, Ashley Robberson, Laurie Cooney. *Third Row:* Amber Sullivan, Jenn Stockdill, Amanda Lee, Daniel Blosser, Kelly Moore.

## District & Regional Champs

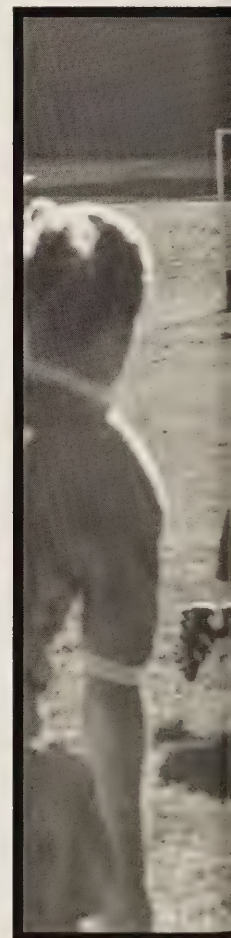
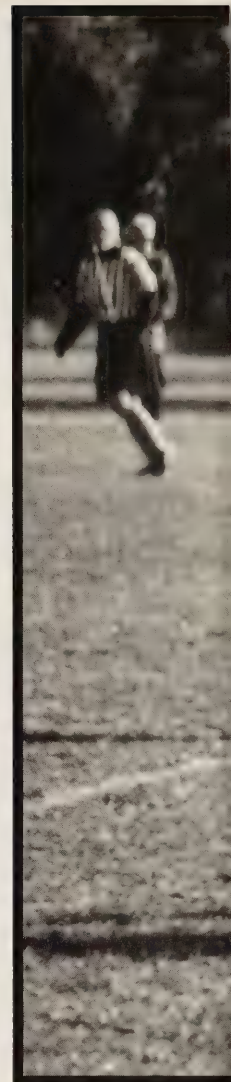
The girls' field hockey team turned out another great season. The girls were coached by Mrs. Pat Wheelbarger and Mrs. Liz Dixon. The girls began their practices in August and continued all the way through states. Crystal Carper was the Washington Post player of the year because of her competitive edge and love for the game. "I know we all complained about the hard practices and all, but in the end, it has made us the players we are, the friends we are, and a little bit of the people we are," said Crystal Carper.

The girls came back from states, in Virginia Beach, upset about their only defeat all season. "Nobody likes to lose, but we were just happy to have the opportunity to be there and make such good friends," said Becky Doyal. Allison Derr said, "It was sad coming home, knowing we had lost, but it was great to be there, everyone had a lot of fun staying in the hotel and missing school." "It was great to be part of a team that worked so hard and went so far," said Amanda Evans.

The team came out with the regional title and had fun doing it. "The girls were out there everyday, putting all they had into the game and they owe all their success to themselves," said the team's coach and fearless leader, Coach Pat Wheelbarger. Even though the team came back from Virginia Beach empty handed it achieved one goal that it had set, to be the best team in the county. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*



**Win One For The Gipper** Paying close attention to Miss Dixon, Amber Sullivan, Amanda Lee, Stephanie Trant, and Kelly Moore find out the game plan for the day's game. It was important to listen to the coach in order to know what you're up against in the game. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*







**Head of the pack** As Crystal Carper looks on Katie Kolakowski dribbles the ball down the field past two defenders. It was important to have simple fundamentals at game time. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

**Wild Thing** Sara Hatcher drives down the field in order to score a goal. The field hockey team practiced all year long and come game time it all paid off. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

**Sisters & Teammates** Bobbi Decatur battles for the field hockey ball as her sister Betsy tends the goal. Both sisters started on the varsity team in their tenth grade year. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Boys Cross Country** *Front Row:* David Janning, Johnny Cabaniss, Bert Jacoby, Tom Daly *Second Row:* Carl Cabaniss, Peter Whitford, Robert Doyal, Ben Whitford, Tommy Wilson *Third Row:* Matthew Catalano, Jason Trant, Andrew Bailey, Kevin Oulette



### boys cross country

Leesylvania Invitational .....	1st place
Fleet Feet Invitational .....	2nd place
North Stafford .....	W
Courtland .....	W
Great Meadows .....	4th place
Brooke Point .....	W
William and Mary Invitational .....	5th place
Culpeper .....	W
Albemarle Invitational .....	5th place
Chancellor .....	W
District Meet .....	Won the District
Regional Meet .....	2nd in Region
State Meet .....	7th in state

Won the Commonwealth District 3rd year in a row, Jason Trant was All-State second year in a row.

### girls cross country

Pacer Invitational .....	1st of 8 teams
Mowen Park Invitational .....	4th of 12 teams
Great Meadows Invitational .....	8th of 32 teams
William & Mary Invitational .....	8th of 26 teams
Chancellor .....	W 28-27
District Meet .....	District Champions
Regional Meet .....	4th place
State Meet .....	10th in triple A State meet

Only team to defeat Chancellor in a dual meet. District champs for the second year in a row. Four All District runners: Edith Taylor, Renee Griffin, Lindsay Hession, Christie Doebel



**Girls Cross Country** *Front Row:* Lauri Watts, Renee Griffin, Christy Doebel, Jenifer Myers, Kelly Shremp *Second Row:* Edith Taylor, Brookes Sparks, Rebecca Swift, Ashley Ludlow, Samantha Hall

# Going the Distance

## Cross country makes their mark

The cross country team really goes the distance for Stafford High School... to say the least. Both the girls' and boys' teams had successful seasons. They practiced during the summer to prepare for the fall season, which began at the start of the school year. "It was my senior year on the team, so that made it more fun," said Robert Doyal. They could be seen running on those early summer mornings long before most of us had even opened an eye to the light of day. Their dedication, combined with endurance, conditioning and great physical shape were the keys to a satisfying meet.

"I worked really hard over the summer because I knew we had a lot to live up to coming off of our state championship. Despite my involvement in various extracurricular activities, I'd say it was a pretty good season," Kevin Oulette said, as a way of summing up this year's season. Carl Cabaniss was also a contributing member of the team, returning for his third year on the cross country team. "The mornings are hard, it was sometimes just getting light when I was getting up, but some of my friends were on the team too, so that made it a little easier," Carl said. Cross country was a huge commitment for those who were up for the challenge, but for those who were, they were motivated and ready to run when the season got started. *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*



**Keeping the pace** An important part of cross country was keeping a steady pace all throughout the course. Renee Griffith and Edith Taylor follow closely behind an opposing runner, but do not lose sight of their own pace. The girls team had a successful fall season this past year. *Photo by Mark Hughes*

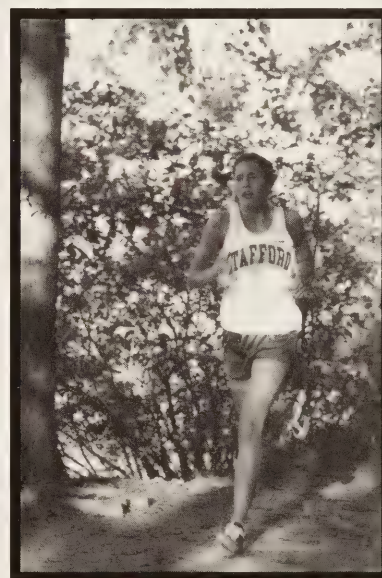




**The Race is on** Cross country was a competitive sport and only a matter of seconds could set you apart from first and fourth. Carl Cabaniss stays closely behind his opponent. Teammate Ben Whitford was not far behind as the race continued on for Stafford and their competitor. *Photo by Mark Hughes*

**Leader of the Pack** In a invitational with several different teams, Stafford is close in the front as they continued to race on. Jason Trant, Carl Cabaniss and Kaden Yealy were all near the front as they fought for a victorious finish in the meet.

*Photo by Mark Hughes*



**Keeping it up** Cross country took a lot of personal strength and endurance if you wanted to be successful. Christine Doebel focuses on the challenge in front of her and keeps on running. While it was a team sport, much of your achievement depended on your personal desire to do well. *Photo by Mark Hughes*



**New Kid** Watch-  
ing the ball,  
Ashley Dameron  
returns with a  
forehand. Ashley's  
hustle and running  
abilities during the  
season allowed  
her to excel and be  
a regular varsity  
player, even  
though a fresh-  
man. *Photo by Rita  
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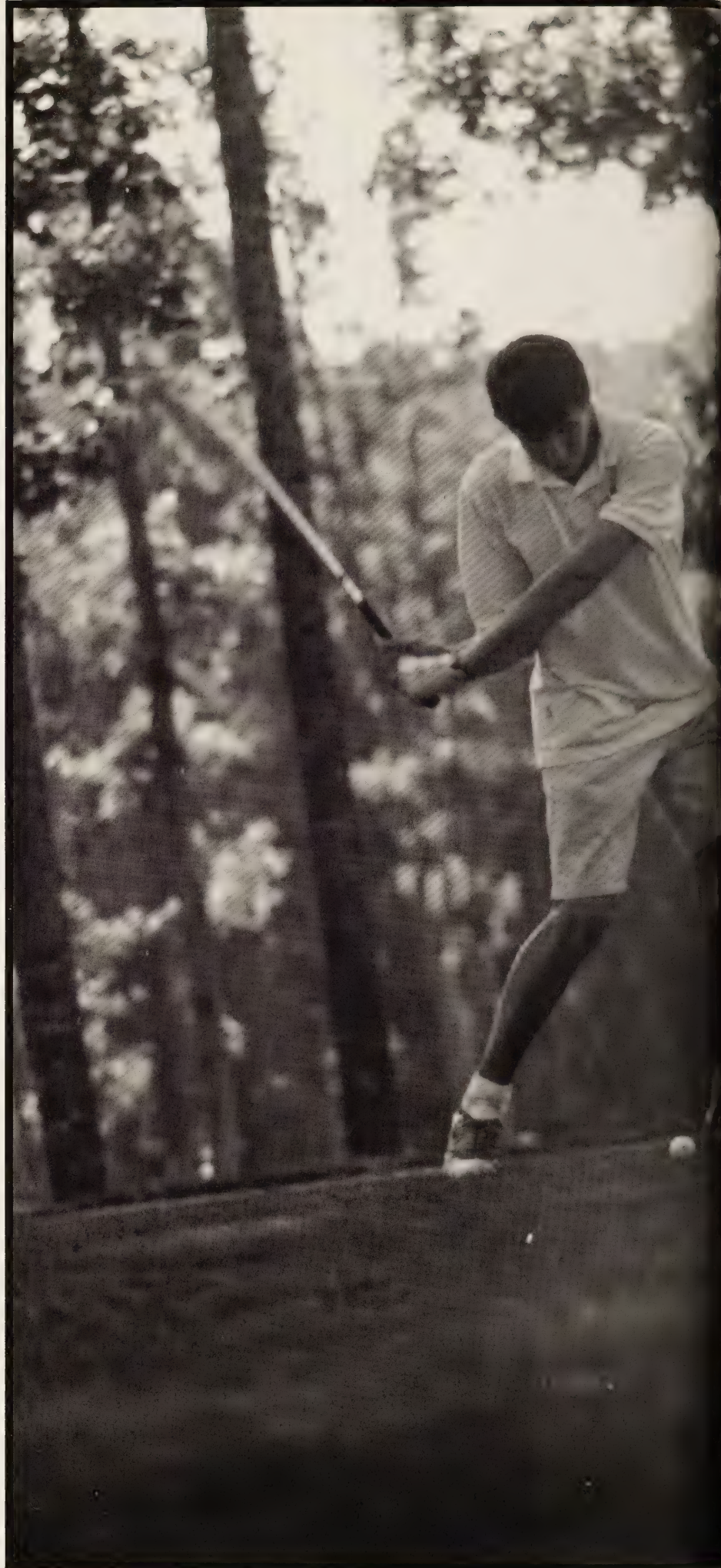


**Kill it!** Krista Eck  
prepares to put a  
little spin on a ball.  
Krista was a  
phenomenal player  
and challenging to  
all her opponents.  
She, along with  
doubles partner  
Jenny Witter, had  
a victorious  
season and hoped  
to do even better  
in later years. *Photo  
by Rita Botts.*



**Drive it!** C.W. Wilson gets  
ready to kill the ball. This  
shot was a particularly hard  
one on the course. The team  
played all over including  
many courses in the area,  
and practiced at the Gauntlet.  
*Photo by Rita Botts.*

**Not too hard!** Ryan  
Chewning drives the ball in  
order to get it near the hole.  
The team had a good season  
and hopes to improve with a  
younger team in upcoming  
years. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*





# Excelling

## Teams shoot up to par and serve up aces

With the beginning of school, came the start of the golf and tennis season. These two teams were extremely successful for the past few years and hope to continue the record. The weather put a damper on many matches and stretched the season in order to catch up.

The Golf team, after facing the loss of many top seniors, did an exceptional job and ended up 2nd in the district. Top players included P.J. Cox and Ross Duvall. Senior Adam Dowling commented, "We did a great job this year and had a lot of fun, even after the loss of such great players last year."

The Tennis team made it all the way to states this year. After blowing through the district, placing first, without breaking a sweat, they came to Regionals. Placing 2nd there, they visited States and finally ended with 8th in the state of Virginia. Many top players will return and with the addition of the freshmen Krista Eck and Ashley Dameron the team hopes to go even farther next year. "I think with some more team practice, next year will be even better," Jenny Witter added.

Hard work, lots of practice, and teamwork helped to make a successful year for these teams. Close knit relationships and long, tiring practices allowed the players to excel as well as have fun. Story by Andi Bordick



**Ace** Working on her best serve, Jenny Witter prepares to serve all aces. Jenny played number one seed during the season. She had an excellent record, going undefeated in the district. Photo by Darragh Copley.

**Tennis Front Row:** Katie Roberts, Andi Bordick, Ashley Sisson, Erin Hughes, Krista Eck, Kerry McKinnon, Andrea Vargo, Ashley Dameron **Second Row:** Whitney Eck, Rebecca Graham, Carin Stoelker, Kate Godfrey, Karli Fredette, Cara Hynden, Jenny Witter, Veronica Pugh, Laura Baker



### girls tennis

North Stafford	W	8-1
Stafford Invitational	2nd	1
Courtland	W	9-0
Brooke Point	W	9-0
Culpeper	W	9-0
Chancellor	W	8-1
Albemarle	W	7-2
North Stafford	W	9-0
Courtland	W	9-0
Collegiate	L	1-8
Brooke Point	W	9-0
Culpeper	W	7-2
Chancellor	W	7-2

Captains this season were Andi Bordick and Ashley Sisson, both seniors. The girls tennis team was District Champion and overall 8th in the state.

### golf

Team	Wins	Losses
Stafford	7	3
Tournaments		
Halifax	7 out of 15	
Heritage	17 out of 23	
Quantico	18 out of 43	
District Results		
Stafford-194	CRT-187	BP-163
Stafford-176	CRT-184	CHN-185
Stafford-169	CUL-170	NS-187
Stafford-178	CHN-181	CUL-196
Stafford-174	BP-170	NS-180

Finished second to Brooke Point at the District Tournament - 1 stroke behind  
Finished 8th at the Regional Tournament.  
Most Valuable Player- P.J. Cox Most Improved- Ross Duvall  
Rookie of the Year- Robert Davis  
P.J. Cox's 7th place finish at Quantico is the highest that any Stafford student has ever finished. Quantico is the largest high school tournament in the country.



**Golf Front Row:** Adam Dowling, Kevin Roberts, Ross Duvall, Robert Davis, James Spittler. **Second Row:** Coach Byrne, Todd Coates, Ryan Chewning, P.J. Cox, Kurt Chewning



**Salute The Flag** Smiling at the stands, Melissa White performs a cheer as Coleman Tyson holds the flag. Such symbols as the flag were often used at football and basketball games to pep up the crowd. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



#### Varsity Cheerleading

**Front Row:** Courtney Blake, Kristina Gates, Kim Cooper, Nadya Lieb, Melissa White, Kristin Dietz **Second Row:** Angela Wilson, Sara Hall, Kristi Dixon, Nicole Brors, Jenny Rankin **Third Row:** Kristy Noel, Melissa Rose, Brittany Wood, Jenny Tuscany, Nicole Dauch **Not Pictured:** Darragh Copley, Jessye Cooley



**We're Number One!** Raising her hand in triumph, Angela Wilson celebrates a successful play by the football team. The cheerleaders took pride in Stafford's teams, and it showed in their enthusiastic responses. They supported the teams without complaint through rain and cold.

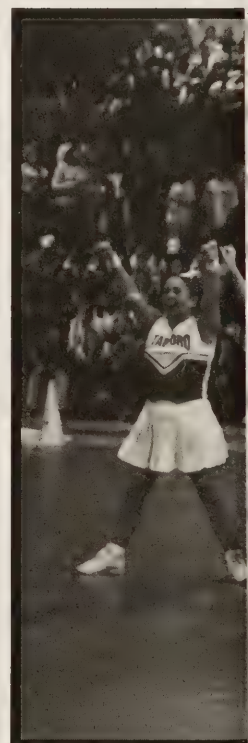
*Photo by Rita Stevens.*



**Pump Up The Spirit!!!** Kneeling on the track, Brittany Wood, along with the rest of the varsity squad, incorporates pom-poms into their routine. The cheerleaders' performance was a large part of Friday night football games, as they cheered despite the cold temperatures. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**It's All About Balance** Balancing on the shoulders of their teammates, Kristin Dietz, Darragh Copley, and Sarah Hall are lifted into the air as Jessie Cooley, Nadya Lieb, Kristina Gates, and Nicole Brors cheer from the ground. This winning formation helped the girls to be successful in the district tournament. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



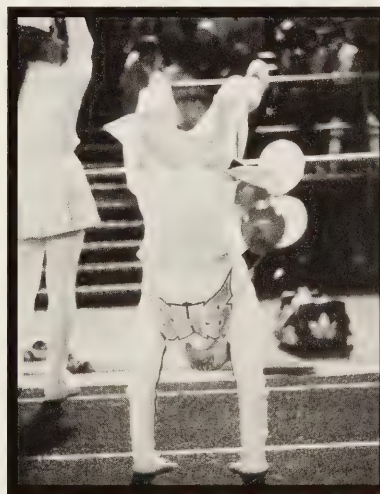
# Go Blue!

## Cheerleaders working hard to support our teams

Although cheerleaders were often taken for granted at basketball and football games, their presence helped to keep up the school spirit of the student body. Not only did they have to support the athletic teams, they also had their own practice every day. These practices consisted of running and long hours of drills, all beginning in the summer. "The best thing about cheerleading is the excitement of going to all the games to support our teams. It's fun when we are able to really get the crowd pumped up," said Nadya Lieb. Kristina Gates agreed, saying, "It's great to be out there to support all of the players, but it is also hard work."

The varsity cheerleading squad participated in District and Regional competitions, with hopes of qualifying for States. Last year the squad finished ninth in the State tournament, and they entered the contest with high hopes this year. "People don't realize how hard we work. We have to practice every day, just like any other sport. This year our goal is to place higher in States," said Kristi Dixon. This hard work and determination is what helped them to earn the respect of their fellow athletes. *Story by Sara Philpott.*





### Which Way Is Up?

Performing for the crowd, Darragh Copley is caught in mid-flip by the camera. In addition to learning cheers, cheerleaders also have to be able to do several acrobatic acts. Many people did not realize the hard work that was necessary to be able to successfully execute these moves. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

**Go, Fight, Win!** Smiling in unison, the varsity cheerleading team ends their cheer at the pep rally with arms held high. Their performance helped to pump up the crowd for both pep rallies and sporting events. However, many people did not realize that the squad also competed in tournaments of their own, and needed support as much as any other athletic team.

*Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Confident? August Adriani tries to force a smile while hoping not to be dropped. Stunts added excitement to the crowd, and made the team look more advanced, as well as a fun sight to see. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



# Young Spirit

## Red Hot...

Starting high school with spirit, the freshmen cheerleaders began their season in hopes of cheering their players to victory. The squad was rather large this year, yet all the girls added pep and well appreciated spirit. "I found it was hard; we had to practice all summer," commented Ashley Payne. Many freshmen felt this way, yet they enjoyed the coaching of Mrs. Baumgartener and Mrs. Baggett and hoped to continue next year.

The J.V. squad did continue to enjoy the feeling of cheering on their sports. Linsay Diebold added, "It was hard work, but worth it when you could get the crowds pumped up and involved." Under the leadership of captains Amber Sullivan and Shannon Barnes, the squad had a lot of fun and added great encouragement to the football and basketball players. Some cheerleaders hoped to continue the cheering next year, entering the varsity squad to cheer on their Stafford Indians to victory. *Story by Andi Bordick*

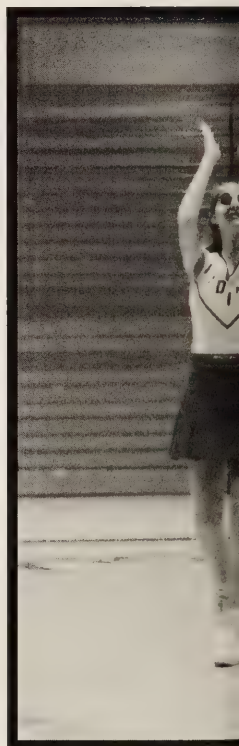


**Freshman Cheerleading** *First Row:* Lauren Pesolyar, Anne Patton. *Second Row:* Allison Rankin, Sara Johnson, Tonya Wellerman. *Third Row:* Amy Janis, August Adriani, Kristin Maddox, Bonnie Daymude. *Fourth Row:* Nada Zaiden, Heather Aiken, Courtney Johnston, Jamie Powers, Ashley Payne.



**J.V. Cheerleading** *Front Row:* Amber Carpenter, Shannon Barnes *Second Row:* Angel Dobson, Heather Demko, Vicki Steele, Jessica Player, Lindsay Diebold *Third Row:* Jenny Garrison, Samantha Wellerman, Courtney Berry, Bonnie Jones, Laurie Mathias

**Go Stafford...** Nada Zaiden, Lauren Pesolyar, and Courtney Johnston work on a cheer in the gym. Trying to find a space to practice was often difficult and time consuming during the cheerleaders' practices. *Photo by Rita Botts.*

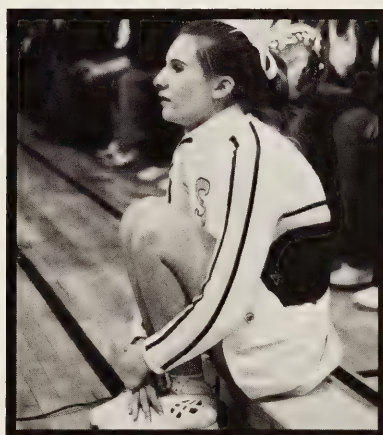
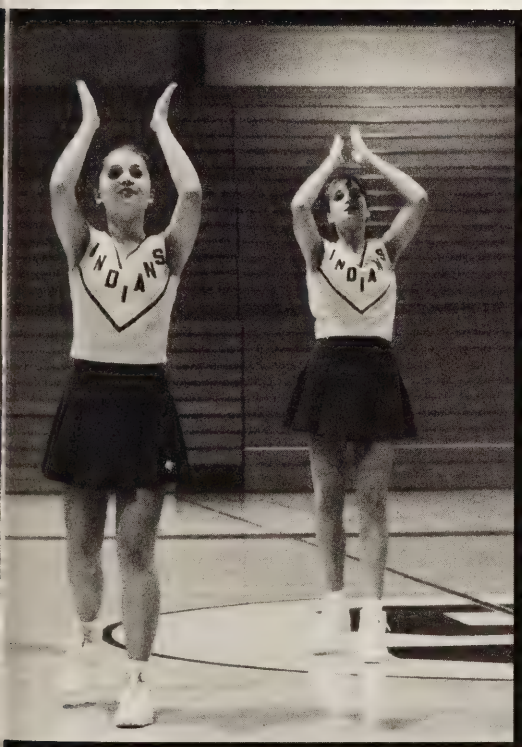
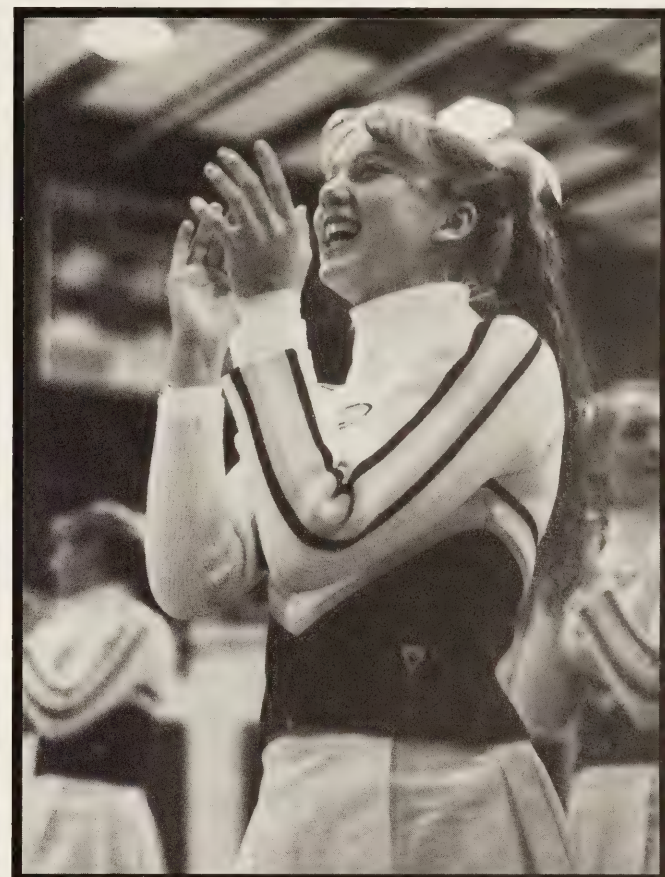






**Words of Advice...** Listening to Coach Janet Baggett, Freshmen Squad members Ashley Payne, Tonya Wellermen, and Anne Patton try to act involved. Instructions from a coach before a game often helped the girls cheer batter and improve their stunts. *Photo by Rita Botts.*

**Laugh or Clap??** Trying to see if she can do both, Jessica Player attempts to pep up the crowd at a pep rally. Even though it was not their players' "big game," the J.V. and Freshmen Cheerleaders added spirit to those looking on. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**Peppy!?** Bonnie Jones takes a break after a very exhausting pep rally. The pep rallies were sometimes an appreciated event, and many spirited seniors enjoyed the jumping and dancing around.

*Photo by Rita Botts.*

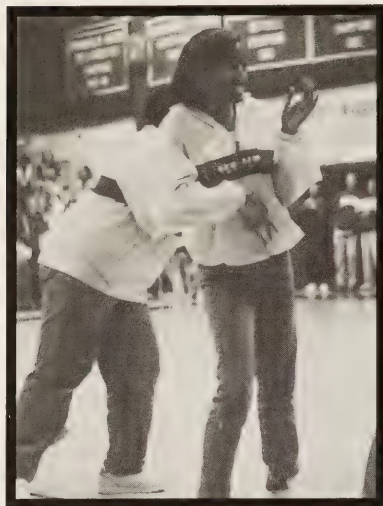


**Off Those Feet!!!!** Bonnie Daymude, August Adriani, Amy Janis, and Nada Zaiden relax their feet during a basketball game. Times like this were rare during the busy basketball season.

*Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Clappin' and Stompin' Smilin' in the spotlight, Ghia Bailey gets into the groove. The Step team was new to Stafford this year and offered a new twist to halftime. Photo by Mark Hughes.**



#### Varsity Indianettes

**Front Row:** Katie East, Amy Cooper, Sarah Jones, Rebecca Washburn, Heather McNulty, Christina Bradman. **Second Row:** Carly Rinnigar, Katie Russell, Theresa Arnold, Amy Lesney, Rachel Tarney, Kelly Randall, Jamie Hillian, Jessica Sleppy. **Third Row:** Jennifer Farr, Allison Hales, Melissa Cartagena, Chrissy Bankes, Amber Sullivan, Allyson Rose, Taryn Jones, Jenifer Rollins.



**JV Indianettes** **Front Row:** Desiree Orwat, Kristina Bourne, Michelle Jacob, Christy Walker. **Second Row:** April Beardslee, Jamie Rittenour, Laura Yates, Sarah Bogert, Brandy Sharp, Courtney Snellings. **Third Row:** Nicole Greer, Jessica Perkins, Joyce Gartland, Brandy Carlin, Ashley Pollpeter, Kristy Bryant. **Fourth Row:** Robyn Coplen, Lynn Johnson, Lindsay Games, Jennifer Kuhn, Kristie Boyd.

**Ice, Ice, Baby! Struttin' her stuff, Amber Sullivan plays as Vanilla Ice in a pep rally. This really stirred up the crowd and got them involved. The drill team always seemed to find innovative ways to catch the students' attention. Photo by Mark Hughes.**

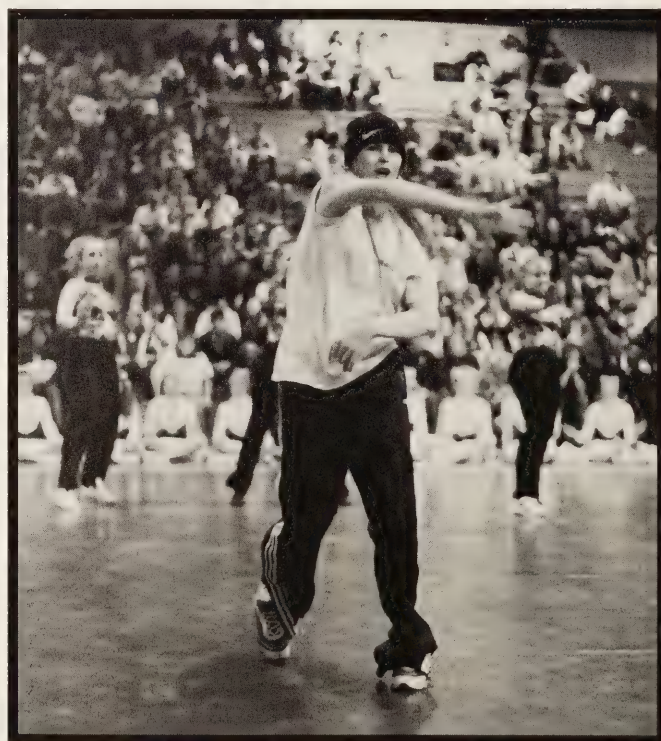
# Dance

## Some rhythm and bustin' grooves

Throughout football and basketball season, the Indianettes worked hard to provide entertainment at halftime, although many people took for granted all the hard work and dedication that it took for a single routine. "Nobody really realizes how much work it takes to get everyone together and looking good as a whole. We have to practice for weeks to get a single routine all together," said Courtney Snellings.

Though they may seem in unison, even drill team has its share of hardships. Jessica Sleppy commented, "We had some rough moments but we've always found a way to work through them." Melissa Cardagena agrees: "Sometimes it's really hard work but when we get through it, we're that much better." Yet one would never notice because once they've hit the floor, it's all about groovin' it.

During the year the Indianettes showed they've got the stuff. From Amber Sullivan playing Vanilla Ice to the seniors' dance to "Titanic," they've shared many memories together and have made many friendships. Carly Renninger concluded, "It's great, it's like having twenty sisters." *Story by Nicole Brors*

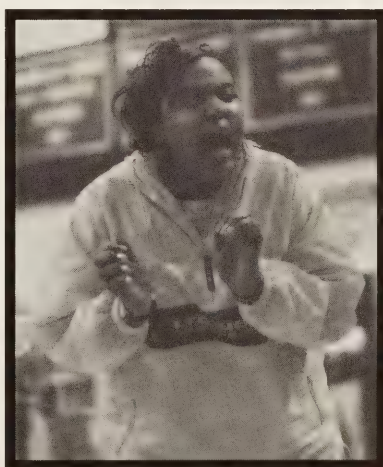
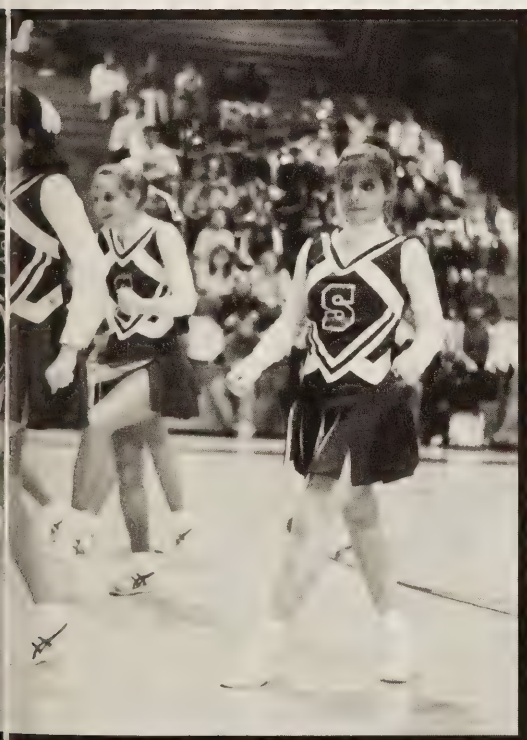
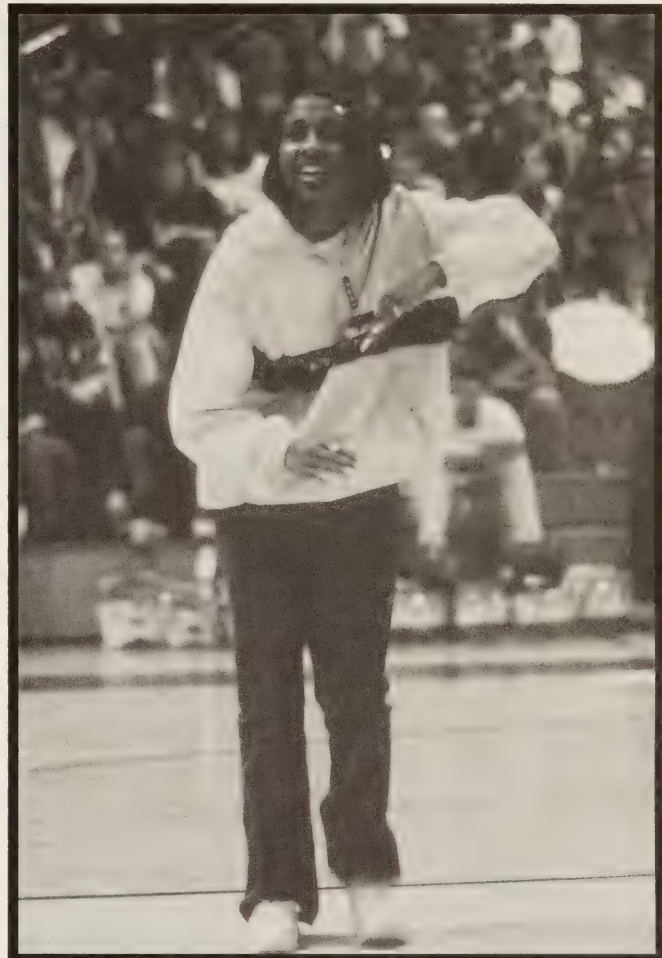






**Stealing the Spotlight** Showing her grace, Rachel Tarnai leads the dancers in their routine. Every step had to be synchronized perfectly in order to get the right effect. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Fly Girl** Struttin' her stuff, Belicia Rivers shows how it's done. She not only had rhythm, but a unique style that added amusement to their routines. Though they were new, by the end of their season the step team had everybody looking forward to their next move. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**above: We Can Get Down!** Moving with rhythm, Tasha Mickens yells out her words. The Step team received a lot of attention when they performed. Their voices were often heard after school while they practiced. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Step Team** *Front Row:* Ghia Bailey, Eleisha Simms *Second Row:* Yolanda McQuinn, Miceia Robinson, India Clemens, Belicia Rivers, Lulu Rodriguez, Janeen Sprill *Third Row:* Tasha Mickens, Jessica Jackson, Nikki Wilson, Ms. Turner (coach), Eboni Mathewson, Tia Johnson, Susan *Not Shown:* Andrea Hill, Miss Tyler (assistant coach)

**left: Shakin' it** Movin' to the music, Jamie Rittenour, Nichole Grees, Lindsay Emes, and Kristy Bryant dance in synch. The drill team spent many long hours getting everybody together. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Back off Bubba Dodging the defense, Eric Green tries to get to the basket. This year the team had good skills and techniques to break away from the defense. Only practice perfected this. Photo by Jeremy Conrad.



### Boys Varsity basketball

Scottdenville	L	53-66
Orbourn	M	68-47
James Monroe	M	49-43
Stonewall Jackson	M	59-46
Orbourn Park	M	55-42
Scottdenville	L	72-31
Orbourn	M	69-43
Stonewall Jackson	M	66-55
Orbourn Park	M	49-34
James Monroe	L	52-67
North Stafford	M	59-47
Courtland	L	40-48
Brooke Point	L	70-72
Chancellor	L	62-74
Culpeper	L	40-58
North Stafford	M	40-32
Courtland	L	40-48
Brooke Point	L	58-65
Culpeper	L	57-84
Chancellor	L	55-59

#### District Tournament

Chancellor	M	57-55
Culpeper	L	63-88

# Success

## Stafford BB is the Best!

Hustling through the games, the Stafford Indian Basketball team finished with a great season. Although the team did not come out on top, this group of guys worked long and hard to get through the season.

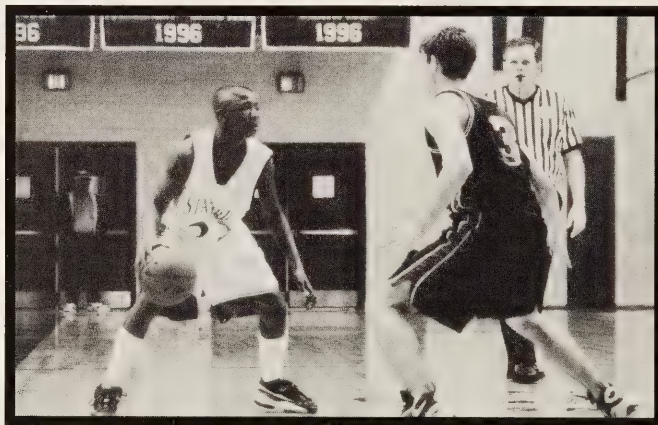
Practices usually were running drills, practicing shots, and playing a friendly game against each other. "Practice was one of the most important parts of the season," commented Ryan Clore. He went on to say, "It was the only thing that kept all of us in shape."

On the court, the stress level was high, and the intensity was building. "We came close to winning a lot of games, but it just didn't work," said Alex Doyal.

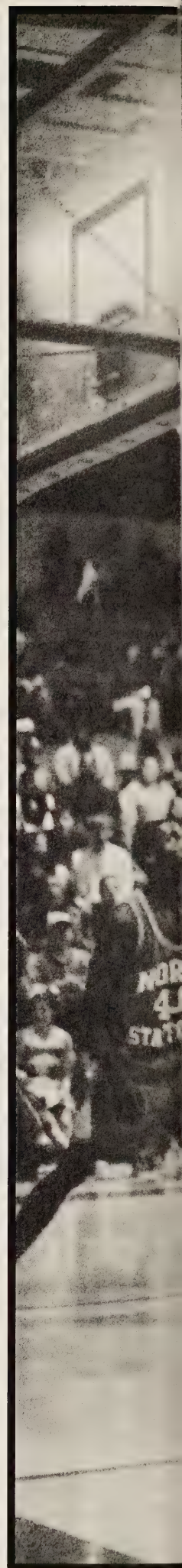
All in all, William Keiner, the captain of the team said "We had a great season, and we will be back." Story by Amy Cooper.



**Varsity Boys Basketball** Front Row: Michael Henderson, Curtis Calhoun  
Second Row: Hugh Parker, Randolph Kelly, Dwayne Parker, Brett Lively, Eric Green, Nick Cornwell, Marion Washington, William Keiner, Alex Doyal, Mark Nisley, Ryan Clore, Rashard Johnson, Romane LeBorgne



**Watch out Rashard Johnson shows off his talents by breaking away from defense. Basketball took a lot of teamwork, but often players got isolated on their own.** Photo by Jeremy Conrad.

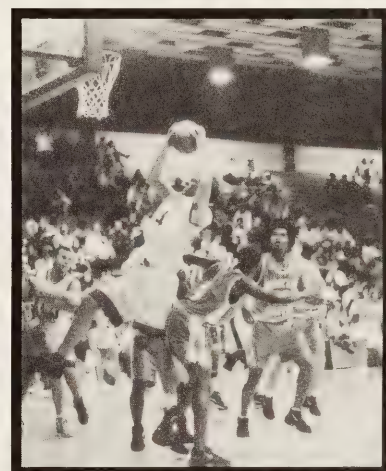






**Shoot for Two** Shooting perfectly into the net, Brett Lively makes another shot. Brett was a key player for the Indian team this year. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

**Whisking away** Dwayne Parker makes a fastbreak for the basket. In this game it was all up to fast footwork, and how well they could handle the ball. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*



**Rebound** Catching a rebound, Alex Doyal falls back into the pack of defensemen. Being tall was a definite advantage to getting the rebound. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*



**J.V. Boys Basketball** *Front Row:* M.J. Moyars, Gee-Gee Bean, Dural Dawson, Ryan McGee, Kyle Gibbs *Second Row:* Corey Auls, Lamar Stewart, Brooks Thomas, Chris Kay *Third Row:* Matt Matters, Jay Underwood, Jeff Cooper, Chris Dowling



### Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Spotsylvania	W
Osborn	W
James Monroe	W
Stonewall Jackson	W
Osborn Park	W
Spotsylvania	L
Osborn	W
Stonewall Jackson	W
Osborn Park	W
James Monroe	L
North Stafford	L
Courtland	L
Brooke Point	L
Chancellor	W
Culpeper	L
North Stafford	W
Brooke Point	L
Courtland	L
Culpeper	L
Chancellor	W

### Freshmen Boys Basketball

Spotsylvania	W	51-38
Osborn	W	41-30
Stonewall Jackson	W	34-25
Osborn Park	W	47-39
Spotsylvania	W	51-37
Osborn	W	40-24
Stonewall Jackson	W	47-29
Osborn Park	L	34-38
North Stafford	W	40-39
Courtland	L	35-47
Brooke Point	L	35-41
Chancellor	L	34-42
Culpeper	L	33-58
North Stafford	W	40-16
Courtland	L	34-49
Brooke Point	L	26-38
Culpeper	L	35-52
Chancellor	L	22-37

*Highlights: Beating our rivals, North Stafford, twice*



**Freshmen Boys Basketball** *Front Row:* Jason Swim, Joey Coleman, Tobias Merchant-Dest, Ian Campbell, Allen Cascio, *Second Row:* Daniel Davis, Robert Orange, Scott Wolfe, Jeff Holacheck *Third Row:* Andrew Hall, Jason LaPearle, Jeff Denson, Adam Green, Chris Schaeffer

# TAKE IT TO THE HOOP!

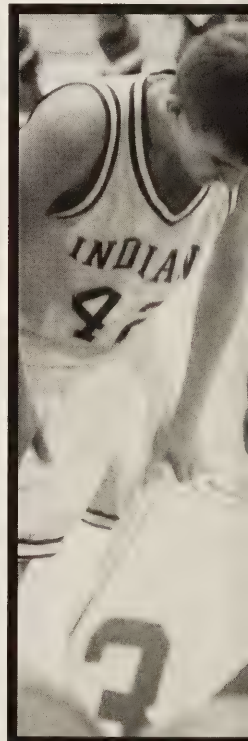
## The Freshmen & J.V. boys basketball teams shoot for victory

Between the excitement of girls and boys varsity basketball, there were other teams leaving their mark behind the scenes. The boys J.V. and freshmen basketball teams led action-packed, shot-filled games as well. The boys prepared themselves for future play on varsity by practicing hard and giving 110 percent effort to their game. Dural Dawson, a leading scorer and a sophomore on the J.V. team said, "I liked playing J.V. 'cause I got a lot of playing time; I got a chance to work on my shooting and my game. We had a pretty good season; we all worked together pretty well during the games." Chris Kay, another key player for the J.V. team, also thought the team worked well, but credited the practices, as well as teamwork, to their success. "It wasn't just team work that got us a victory; we had to practice well too," Chris added.

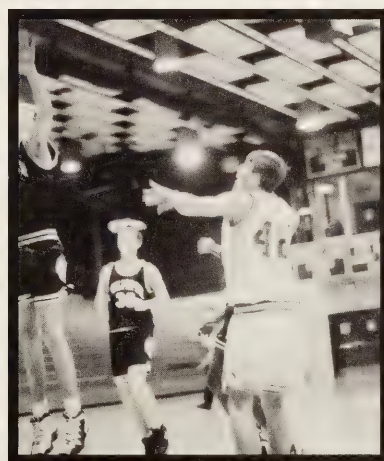
The freshmen team also played with a lot of skill and pulled off some great shooting and some important wins. Scott Wolf, a freshmen player, thought they had a good season overall. "We did all right; we had a lot of good times; we went out there and played and tried to have a good time while we were playing the game," Scott said. Whether you caught a freshmen or J.V. game, they played hard all season, putting their all into a successful record for the Indians. *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*



**Shooting for Victory** The freshmen basketball team practiced hard, working on accuracy and consistency. In a game against Culpeper, Ian Campbell watches and waits to see if teammate Andrew Hall's shot goes in. The guys played hard all season to make for a successful finish. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*







**Dribble Down the Court!**  
The junior varsity team packed the season with a lot of skill and action. Corey Auls takes the ball to the hoop, scoring for the Indians. Most of the J.V. players wanted to prepare for varsity in their coming years at SHS.

*Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*

**Shoot for Two!** During the game against Culpeper, Jeff Denson shoots while his opponents go after the rebound. The freshmen relied on good plays and accurate shots to lead them to victory.

*Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*

**Getting Some Pointers**  
The freshmen basketball team listens carefully as Coach Caron reviews the next play. Jeff Denson and Andrew Hall both concentrated on what they had to do when they got back out on the court. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



**Varsity Girls Basketball** *Front Row:* Erica Havasy, Crystal Carper, Amy Cascio, Colleen Cooney, Meagan Hanson *Second Row:* Sabrina Reeve, Elizabeth Campbell, Kari Fredette, Becky Doyal, Amy Butler, Karen Sowala



### Varsity Girls Basketball

Albemarle .....	W .....	56-42
Osbourn .....	L .....	45-30
Stonewall Jackson .....	W .....	35-17
Osbourn Park .....	W .....	32-21
St. Gertrudes .....	W .....	56-30
Douglas Freeman .....	L .....	54-52
Osbourn .....	W .....	48-31
Stonewall Jackson .....	W .....	35-12
Osbourn Park .....	W .....	40-19
North Stafford .....	W .....	48-45
Albemarle .....	W .....	48-38
Courtland .....	W .....	60-51
Brooke Point .....	W .....	50-37
Chancellor .....	W .....	50-38
Culpeper .....	W .....	62-46
North Stafford .....	W .....	51-36
Courtland .....	L .....	42-52
Brooke Point .....	W .....	47-27
Culpeper .....	W .....	57-50
Chancellor .....	L .....	51-50
Culpeper (District Tournament) .....	W .....	59-52
Courtland (District Tournament) .....	W .....	54-40
Woodbridge (Regional) .....	W .....	48-32
Garfield (Regional semi-finals) .....	L .....	44-25

*Highlights: Regular Season District Champions, District Tournament Champions-3rd year in a row, First team since 1983 to win a Regional game*



**Seconds Left** After taking a deep breath and concentrating on one of two shots needed to put the game out of reach, Karen Sowala tries to put her team over the top. The girls varsity team had many close games this season that were won by great plays and good decisions during the last two or three minutes. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

# Champs

## The Lady Indians

After a disappointing loss in last year's district tournament, some people said the girl's basketball team was headed downhill. This was not at all the case as the Lady Indians started off the season with high hopes to win the district tournament. They earned all the bragging rights they could this year, matching last year's performance and winning the district tournament. "This season has had its ups and downs, but I'm glad that we won the championship again. The practices weren't all that fun, but I guess the games made up for it," said Amy Cascio. By placing first place in the regular season the girls were able to gain a first round bye, and eventually won the tournament by defeating district rival Courtland. The girls also made it into the regional tournament and defeated Woodbridge before losing a hard fought game to Garfield. The Lady Indians had a great season and lived up to all the goals and expectations set by Coach Rick Butler.

Everyday after school the girls team practiced and prepared for the upcoming games during the week. Hard work and much determination was needed to make it through the week. The girls started off every practice with a series of drills, and then went into other strategies that were devised by Coach Butler and assistant-coach Ms. Jackie Davis. "We go through the same routine everyday before practice and then we work on the other things that the scouts told us about the other teams," said Amy Butler. The players had to learn how to play against each team, which meant lots of practicing during the week and on the weekends. But after a season like they had, all the practicing and hard work was well worth the wait. Team captain Elizabeth Campbell said, "I had a great time this season; it was lots of fun, but the best thing all season was probably all the pre-game activities in the locker room." *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

**Nothing But Net** After weeks and weeks of practice, Amy Cascio practices a few last free throws before one of their games. Coach Butler insisted on the players being able to do the basics before they could move on to other strategies in practice. Apparently it was a well devised strategy because it took the Lady Indians on to a district championship. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*







**Takin' it to the Hoop** As players from the opposing team stare on, Crystal Carper goes straight down the lane for yet another two points. The seniors on the varsity team not only offered leadership and advice to the team, they also offered experience. The loss of the seniors will be greatly noticed, but Coach Butler has done well to leave several key players on the roster for next season. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

**Three Time Champions** Showing team spirit just after the starting lineups had been announced the Lady Indians made their presence known by gathering at mid court to get ready for the game. Every night after the starting lineups had been announced the girls went to middle court to get pumped up for the game. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



**Gettin' Psyched!** As the varsity girls basketball team prepares for the upcoming game Coach Rick Butler offers a few words of wisdom to Crystal Carper and the rest of the team. The girls practiced hard all season and were prepared both physically and mentally for any situation that might arise come game time. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

varsity girls basketball



**J.V. Girls Basketball** *Front Row:* Sara Hatcher, Kristi Abel, Ashley Dixon, Amanda Lee, Amanda Summers *Second Row:* Sam Getner, Betsy Decatur, Andrene Swader, Cory Norbutus, Megan Wilson, Kristin Ripley



### Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

Albamarle .....	W
Osbourn .....	W
Stonewall .....	W
Osbourn Park .....	W
Osbourn .....	W
Stonewall .....	W
Osbourn Park .....	W
North Stafford .....	L
Courtland .....	L
Brooke Point .....	L
Albamarle .....	W
Chancellor .....	W
Culpeper .....	L
North Stafford .....	W
Courtland .....	L
Brooke Point .....	L
Culpeper .....	W
Chancellor .....	W

### Freshmen Girls Basketball

Albamarle .....	W	27-25
Metz JH .....	W	23-7
Stonewall Jackson .....	W	25-18
Osbourn Park .....	W	29-21
Metz JH .....	W	43-14
Stonewall Jackson .....	W	18-10
Osbourn Park .....	W	28-26
N. Stafford .....	W	25-17
Courtland .....	W	37-11
Brooke Point .....	W	27-8
Chancellor .....	W	36-22
Culpeper .....	W	25-18
N. Stafford .....	W	33-14
Courtland .....	W	23-24
Brooke Point .....	W	42-25
Culpeper .....	W	44-17
Chancellor .....	W	42-20
Overall Record 17-0 undefeated		



**Freshmen Girls Basketball** *Front Row:* Kelsey Adkisson, Laurie Watts, Angela Feindt, Jaimie Sullivan *Second Row:* Nicole Vanscoter, Michelle Ulrich, Lori Cooney, Joanne Yednock, Jean Cornwell *Third Row:* Coach Welker, Jessica Herrriott, Liz Sowers, Veronica Pugh, Natalie Childress, Tia Johnson Not Pictured: Jessica Jackson

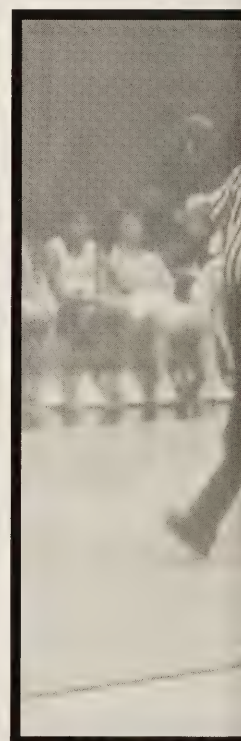
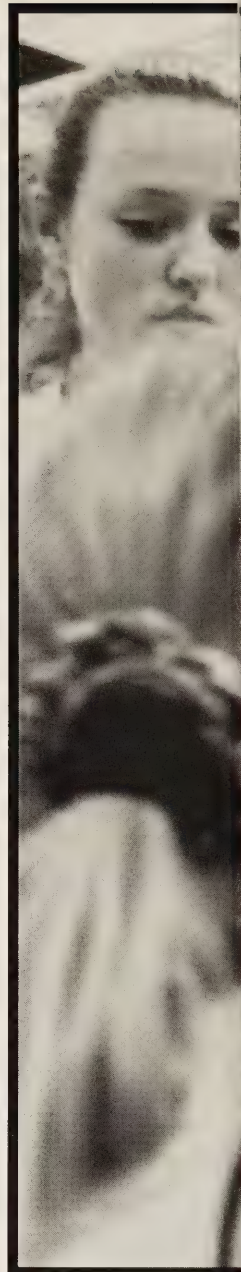
# Winners

## Another great season

At the start of the girls junior varsity and freshmen basketball season the expectations were as high as ever. Both teams easily surpassed the their team goals and blew the competition away. "From the beginning tip to the last buzzer sound, this season was incredible," sophomore guard Amanda Summers said. Elizabeth Sowers, a forward for the freshmen team agreed with Amanda by saying, "It's fun and exciting to go out there and just play basketball against other girls; I think we really did well this season."

According to Ashely Roberson, teamwork was one of the main reasons the team had such great chemistry "It's great being part of a team and all; we really pushed each other." Kristen Ripley said, "The thrill of the game is great; it really kept us going." Both teams did great once again this year, each with a winning record and giving future teams an individual goal to match. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*

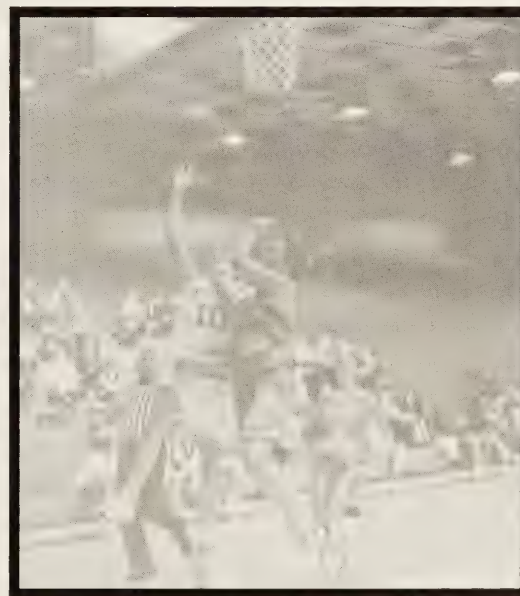
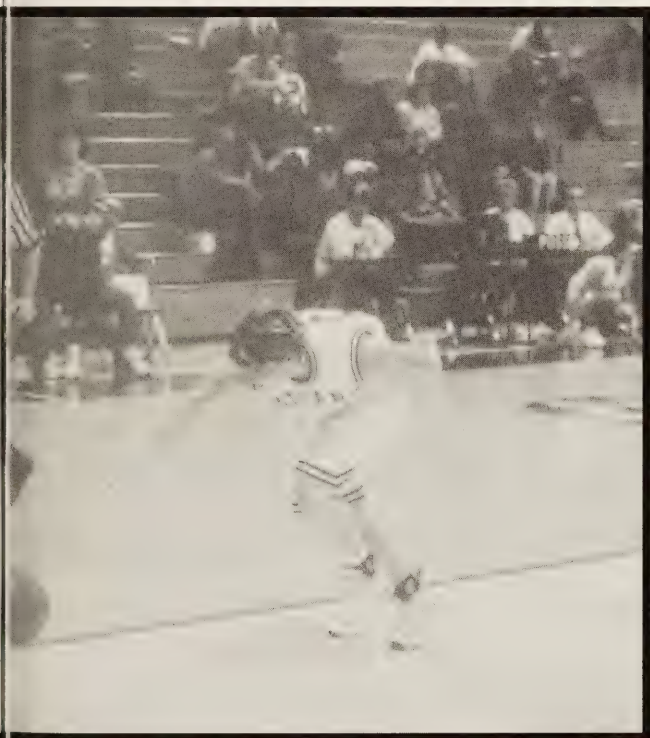
**Trapped Looking for a way out, Jamie Sullivan tries to find a hole in route to the basket. Most basketball players had a sixth sense to find teammates and use even the smallest of openings to their advantage.** *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*







**Game Time** As the freshmen team looks on, Coach Welker preps the team up for the next game. It was important to listen to the coach so one would know what type of game plan to play. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



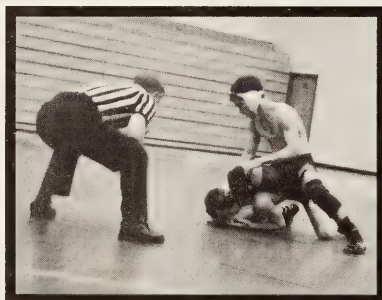
**Taking a Dive** JV guard Betsy Decatur prepares to eat some hardwood while trying to gain control of the ball. One thing that you could not teach during practices was dedication to the game. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

**Taking you to School** Ashely Roberson displays the true definition of taking it to the hoop. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



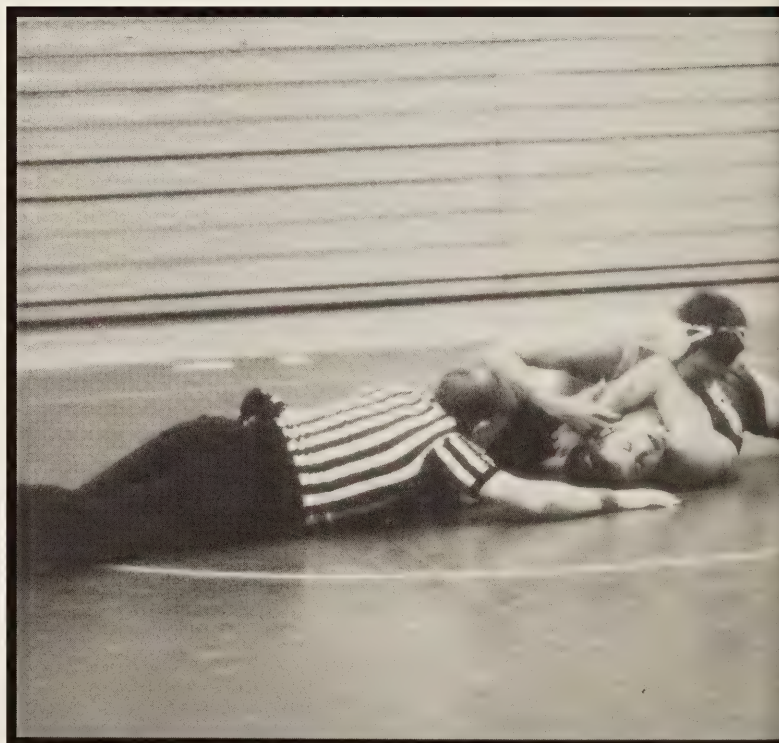


**Bring It On!** Patiently waiting for his opponent to come after him, John-Mike Steinmetz takes a deep breath and gets ready for his match. Throughout the year the wrestlers practiced different moves and redefined their styles for the meets that were scheduled later in the year. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**above left: On Top of Things** The most important thing to remember during a meet was not to get pinned. The wrestlers at Stafford High School learned that rule with ease as they spent most of their time pinning the opposing team. Coleman Tyson had an excellent season, posting a finish of second in the district and going on to the regional competition. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

**Beg for Mercy!** Throughout the season the wrestlers worked hard at practice and tried their best to starve themselves so they could make weight. Omri Nassau relaxes for just a moment, and then gets ready to put one final move on his opponent before he pins him. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*





# Muscle

## A lean and mean wrestling team

The wrestlers began practicing for another grueling season. For some athletes practicing was not a problem, and most of these athletes were allowed to eat during the season. This was not the case for some of the wrestlers who were forced to maintain a certain weight throughout the season. To add to this frustration some of the wrestlers were forced to wrestle off for their spot, which meant more weight loss for the loser and an extra meal for the winner. Senior Chad Martin said, "The fact that you have to maintain a certain weight isn't all that bad, it's when you have to go to practice when you're already run down; it's like you never get a break." All season long the wrestlers worked hard during practice and tried their best to be prepared for the meets.

The team prepared all week to place well in both individual and team competition at the meets. Everyone did their best to get their teammates psyched up for the big matches. One of the biggest rivalries was between Omri Nassau and former Stafford Indian Nick Shahan. Talk began about this rivalry before the season began and continued right on through the season. Omri got the final bragging rights by defeating Niki in the regional tournament to become the regional champion. "The state tournament was pretty cool; I finished sixth out of sixteen people," said Omri Nassau. Each wrestler had his own way of preparing for a meet; each wrestler had their own style on the mat, but they all had one thing in common, they kicked some butt while they were out there. Several members of the team placed in the top two slots in districts earning themselves a spot in the regional tournament. Coleman Tyson said, "I was really psyched man; I got to wrestle at the 152 pound weight class and I'm going to be able to go to districts." Coleman placed second in the district tournament and finished fifth in regionals, just shy of making the state competition. Thomas Hagerty was disqualified from his match on a controversial biting call eliminating him from competition. Though the regional tournament was quite a challenge for some of the wrestlers, a few managed to earn themselves a slot in the state tournament. John-Mike Steinmetz, Omri Nassau, and Terrence Gallivan all made it to the state competition. This year was a learning experience for some of the younger wrestlers and the final time to show their skills for the seniors. *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*



**Round One!**  
Trying for a take down, Thomas Hagerty had a great season and went on to place in the district competition and won first in the regional tournament. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

### Wrestling

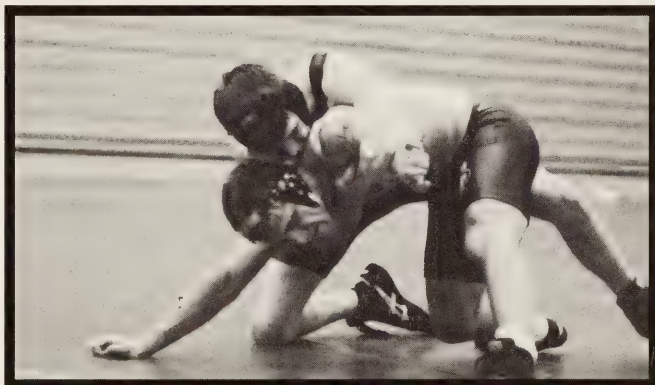
Louisa .....	W .....	69-6
Stafford Inv. ....	2nd	
North Stafford .....	W .....	36-25
Osborn Inv. ....	3rd	
Courtland .....	W .....	46-18
Osborn .....	W .....	63-9
Hermitage .....	W .....	61-9
Brooke Point .....	W .....	42-26
Woodbridge Tournament .....	3rd	
T.C. Williams .....	W .....	56-9
Lake Braddock .....	1 .....	35-26
Wakefield .....	W .....	65-14
McLean .....	W .....	65-10
Broad Run .....	tied .....	36-26
Lee-Davis .....	1 .....	25-22
Godwin .....	W .....	52-17
Monacan .....	W .....	50-18
Chancellor .....	W .....	55-18
Culpeper .....	W .....	59-18
Annandale .....	W .....	42-24
Hayfield .....	W .....	33-29
Mount Vernon .....	W .....	42-28
Garfield .....	W .....	41-18
Woodbridge .....	1 .....	12-56
Fairfax .....	1 .....	21-42
Western Branch .....	W .....	48-31
Districts .....	2nd	
Regionals .....	5th	

**District Champs:** Thomas Hagerty, John Mike Steinmetz, Terrence Gallivan

**Regional Champ:** Omri Nassau

**State Tournament:** Omri Nassau-6th Terrence Gallivan-5th (24-5 best individual season record)

**Most dual meet wins in school history.**



**Wrestlin' SHS Style** After coming out for warm-up drills, the wrestlers each had their own way for getting psyched for the big meet. Of course, none of that mattered so far as people performed like Chris Hillary did while on the mat. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Wrestling Front Row:** Michael Crain, Jeff Branscome, Colby Stevenson, Brady Richmond, Chuck Shackelford, Brian Gillespie, Dwayne Beach, Jack Richmond, C.W. Harrison, Tom Stewart, Josh Clatterbuck, Charles Henderson **Second Row:** Chris Hillary, D.J. Eagle, Shawn Posey, Kaden Yealy, Craig Hamilton, Matt Korniot, Will Monroe, Jason Simpson, Steve Weimer, Danny Labar **Third Row:** B.J. Patrick, Randy Stewart, Lance Griffin, Saul Newsome, Thomas Hagerty, Omri Nassau, Chris Weimer, Shawn Garrison, Jason Althouse, George Bowen, Joey Chamberlin, Kenny Abri **Fourth Row:** Matt Thompson, Warren Payne, Roy Perry, Josh Chamberlin, Terrence Gallivan, Chad Martin, David Dugan, Coleman Tyson, Paul Deal, Andy Truslow



Faster, Faster... Jonathan Walsky drives on through the force of the water with a powerful breast stroke. Many team members' times improved with each race and the feeling of winning. Photo by Rita Botts.

Huh... Danny Pyle takes some words of advice from Jon Raymond, a well-known coach. Danny was a great asset to the team and a large part of the team's success. Photo by Rita Botts.



# To Victory

## Butterfly, breast stroke, freestyle, backstroke...

No matter the style or stroke, the swim team once again swam to victory. Having long enduring practices at the Y (not the pool on the 3rd floor of the school), the team worked hard and flew past all the local competition.

The boys' team's top seniors, such as Danny Pyle and Ryan Swierk helped to contribute to the teams winning completions. The boys' season went undefeated, also with help from top freshmen swimmers Ryan Chewning and Mark Crosnicker. Brother to Mark, Michael Crosnicker added, "Swimming on the team is fun, but when your younger brother is better than you, it kind of stinks." Captains Matt Dursa and Nick Powers led the team inspirationally through the winning season.

The Girls' team, led by captains Jessica Thomas and Emily Godfrey, only endured one loss of the season, but by a very close five points. Top swimmers like Christie Cleaver and Amanda Zawora contributed to the great season. "We had a great season and a lot of fun while doing it," Emily Godfrey commented.

The team had a great year, and gave few complaints. A common thought, said best by Danny Pyle "I hate having meets on Friday night; no one comes; you miss the basketball games, and it can be really boring." These complaints were ignored when the season proved to be a great one. Story by Andi Bordick

### Swimming

1997 Relay Carnival: ..... 4th place

	Girls	Boys
Gar-Field .....	W .....	W .....
Brooke Point .....	W .....	W .....
King George .....	1 .....	W .....
North Stafford .....	W .....	W .....
James Monroe .....	W .....	W .....
Districts .....	1st .....	1st .....
Regionals .....	7th .....	5th .....



**Swimming:** *Front Row:* Philip Walsky, Kim Anderson, Ashley Dameron, Leslie Wall, Rachel Jarnecke, Heather Aiken, Danny Pyle, Catherine Thompson, Jan Augustine, Amy Parsons, Courtney Andrews, Lisa Thomas, Allison Fuller, Emily Godfrey, Kelly Powers *Second Row:* Rachel Maloney, David Payne, Brian Fuller, Erin Wood, Kristina Palmer, Jonathan Walsky, Billy Atkinson, Kelly Moore, Travis Srygly, Andrew Jarnecke, Sarah Stamps, Michelle Atkinson, Amanda Zawora, Erin Hughes *Third Row:* Peter Oakman, Nick Powers, Jessica Thomas, Matt Catalano, Adam Dowling, Ian Hilde, Tommy Wilson, Emily Dursa, Kate Godfrey, Arend Bolthouse, Christie Cleaver, Brian Whited *Fourth Row:* Jacob Green, Matt Dursa, Ryan Gorman, John Payne, Ryan Chewning, Mike Crosnicker, Carl Banks, Mark Crosnicker

What time? Nick Powers looks up at his time, hoping to add a good score to the team. After a hard swim it was common for the tired swimmers to try to relax. Photo by Rita Botts.







**Quick Break**  
Erin Wood tries to catch her breath and gather her thoughts as Ryan Swierk looks on. Erin swam many laps, testing her endurance and dedication, proving in the end she was a true swimmer. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**Waiting...** Sporting the goggles and cap trend, Amy Parsons, Christie Cleaver, and Amanda Zawora wait for their turn in warm-up. Warming-up was a vital part to the success of the swim team, allowing them to stretch their muscles and practice their underwater skills. *Photo by Rita Botts.*

**On Your Mark...** Getting ready to dive off, Lisa Maloney sets up. A good start was important in swimming, helping the swimmers to gain extra, vital seconds. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**Flexibility Show-**  
ing off her unique  
talents, Angel  
Dodson does her  
one-of-a-kind  
beam routine.  
This same routine  
led her to place in  
the regional meet.  
The team went on  
to compete in  
States. *Photo by  
Jessica Moore.*



**Rock the Bars!**  
Attempting to grip  
the higher bar,  
Jennifer Whited  
prepares for her  
next move. Being  
a level ten gym-  
nast, she knew  
what it took to be  
the best. Most of  
the gymnasts  
belonged to a gym  
outside of school.  
*Photo by Jessica Moore.*



**Dismounting** Nearing the  
end of her routine, Nicole  
Dauch prepares for her next  
move. Concentration was a  
necessary part of succeeding  
in any event, and Nicole  
Dauch went on to place on  
beam. *Photo by Jessica Moore.*





# Flips with a Twist

## Three-time Regional Champions

Being a young team, gymnastics had to work extra hard to pull together. "This year was a year of rebuilding for our team. We were composed of mostly freshmen and sophomores, yet everybody gave it their all and it turned out to be a success," said Kristy Noel.

This year Stafford was faced with some close competition by their rival Brooke Point. Though Stafford didn't claim district champion, they kept a positive outlook. Nicole Dauch explains, "We had a rough time through districts, but we knew what we needed to work on and we all pulled together to win regionals."

Competing one at a time was often the most stressful part of gymnastics. It is a team effort to win, but one also has to put forth their personal best to keep scores high. Annie Strickler commented, "Districts really stressed me out. But after it's all over, and we hear them announce us as first in the region, it really gave me a feeling of accomplishment." *Story by Nicole Brors.*



**Small but Tough** Using her strength, Annie Strickler shows delicate grace and flexibility. Annie competed as an "all-around," which means she was in every event. Gymnasts not only had to have stamina, but also incredible versatility. *Photo by Jessica Moore.*

**A Balancing Act** Concentrating intensely, Angel Dodson takes it one move at a time. The team's routines took a lot of time and hard work to perfect. Many times they would have to keep doing it until it was "just right." *Photo by Jessica Moore.*

**Gymnastics** *Front Row:* Annie Strickler *Second Row:* Amy Little, Angel Dodson, Jenifer Whited, Allison Rankin *Third Row:* Sarah Edwards, Nicole Dauche, Kristy Noel, Kristin Maddox



### Gymnastics

South Lakes Inv. (16 teams) .....	5th place
North Stafford .....	W
North Stafford, Courtland .....	W
Parkview Inv. (12 teams) .....	1st place
Brooke Point .....	1
Winterfest Inv. (18 teams) .....	3rd place
Brooke Point, North Stafford .....	W
Courtland, Chancellor .....	W
Districts .....	2nd place
Regional .....	1st place
State .....	7th place

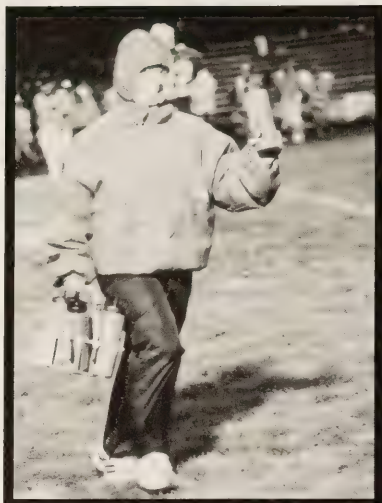
*Team/individual highlights:* Angel Dodson—*District beam champion*, Jennifer Whited—*Regional beam champion*, Angel and Jennifer placed 3rd All-around (tied) and competed all around at states in the individual bracket. Annie Strickler qualified on beam and floor



**Sigh of Relief** Taking a breather, Angel Dodson and Alison Rankin relax between events. Though they were underclassmen, they contributed largely to the success of the team. *Photo by Jessica Moore.*



**I got it!** Bundled up, Jennifer Swansburg runs off the field after a water break. Through thick and thin, athletic trainers always went through the tough weather to pull through for the athletes. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



**Fixin' them up** Fixin' up the athletes, Candi Harpine works on Kristen Maddox while others waited. After school was a busy time for the athletic trainers. Trainers not only helped other people, but they enjoyed what they were doing. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



**Hobbling along** Trainer Nathan Miller (Nate Dog) experiments with a set of crutches. Waiting around on the side lines sometimes got boring, but the trainers always found ways to have fun. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





What's in there? Retrieving supplies from the medical box, Jessica Nimmo searches for what she needs. Athletic trainers had to have a lot of knowledge about what to use on different injuries. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

# Fixing the boo-boos

## The ins and outs of being an athletic trainer

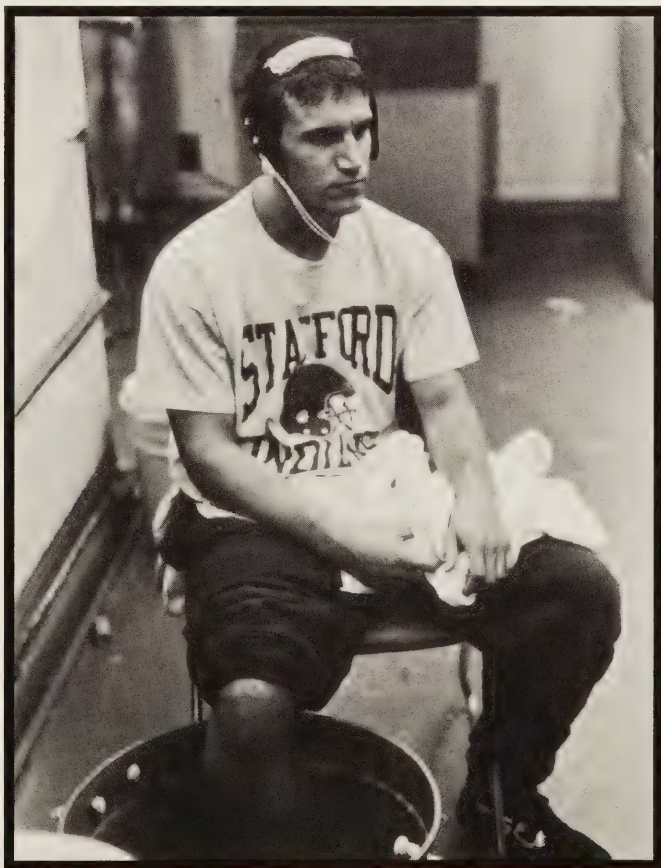
Have you ever wondered what shape athletes would be in if Stafford did not have athletic trainers? Believe it or not, most students take trainers for granted. Trainers are there for all the games; they fix up, wrap up, and ice up.

Trainers learn several different techniques throughout the year to help out the athletes. They learn how to teach athletes to prevent injuries, as well as how to take care of them. Another added bonus is getting the firsthand experience from taking care of different teams. Each trainer is assigned a team, and they must go and sit at the games in case of an injury.

"Being an athletic trainer is a lot of hard work and dedication, but it also is fun," commented Joanna Beard. Most athletic trainers felt this way. Most of the time, they did not like sitting through a rainy football game or a hot softball game, but they learned a lot and had fun doing it.

Next time you go to a game at Stafford, don't forget about the people behind the scenes that make the sport successful. *Story by Amy Cooper.*

**Water Anyone?** Running off the field, Jennifer Swansburg and Sarah Hall get ready to refill the water bottles. It was important to keep the athletes hydrated and ready to play. *Photo by Darragh Copley.*



**Athletic Trainers** *Front Row:* Jenn Mollohan, Angel Dodson, Sarah Hall, Jennifer Swansburg, Candi Harpine *Second Row:* Mrs. Angela Harding, Nate Miller, Joanna Beard, Natalie Childress, Jessica Nimmo

**Burrr!...** Getting iced up, Chris Hillary prepares for wrestling practice. Several athletes relied on athletic trainers to fix them up. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad*



# No Matter the Weather...

## Track and Field

### Spring Track

Wolverine Invitational .....	March 21
I-95 Classic .....	March 28
North Stafford .....	April 1
Fennema-Hook Relays .....	April 4
Courtland .....	April 8
Battleground Relays .....	April 18
Brooke Point .....	April 22
Stafford Relays .....	April 24
Chillicothe .....	April 29
T.C. Williams .....	May 2
Chancellor .....	May 6
Jim England Invitational .....	May 9
District Meet .....	May 14
Regional Meet .....	May 22
State AAA Meet .....	May 29



**Spring Track** *Front Row:* Carlee Brueser, Rebecca Swift, Kelly Schremp, Christy Doebel, Ashley Dameron, Bonnie Ludlow, Carl Banks, Renee Griffin, Edith Taylor, Johnny Cabaniss, Justin Salerno, Eddie Johnson. *Second Row:* Dale Ocheltree, Michael Brown, Kathleen Brennan, Angela Wilson, Ben Whitford, Sam Hall. *Third Row:* Allison Rankin, Megan Pugh, Megan Grigsby, Jessica Harriet, Bert Jacoby, Derek Salerno, Jeff Rager, Krista Mears, Tracy Beard, Chris Hillary, Peter Bennett, Chris Garcia. *Fourth Row:* Justin Batkins, Gee Gee Bean, Matt Catalano, Sam Vegas, Yari Rothman, Coleman Tyson, Jesse Conn, Mike McCalla, Willie Anderson, Dennis Catrett, Jonathan Catalano, Scott Dye, Kimberly Beales, Becca Keeton, Josh Thompson, Sam Chamberlain, Matt Blose. *Not Pictured:* Amanda Summers

Sprinting through the misty sleet, shot-putting through fog and haze, pole vaulting to the sun... the track team made a commitment through the winter and spring. Winter track began warm but came to a shivering end. The team excelled, pushing many runners to states. A member of both seasons, Eddie Johnson commented, "I was glad I made it to states, with teammates Jason Trant, Ben Whitford and Carl Cabaniss." Eddie ran the 55 meter race while, Ben and Carl worked their stuff on the one mile race and Jason on the two mile race.

Spring track started with many people and hopeful qualifiers for main events. Sam Hall was a large asset to the team with her amazing shot put ability; she added, "when I step up to throw it is like the whole place goes silent and it is just me; I really concentrate and then things fall into place." Under the coaching ability of Coaches Ocheltree and Gorfida the team excels and hopes to do as well, if not better, than the winter season. *Story by Andi Bordick.*



**Sprint...** Dale Ocheltree, Joe Thomas, and Mike McCalla breeze past the rest of the pack in a race against the time. The quicker sprinters were normally placed at smaller yard events, allowing them to excel at their better position. *Photo by Rita Botts.*

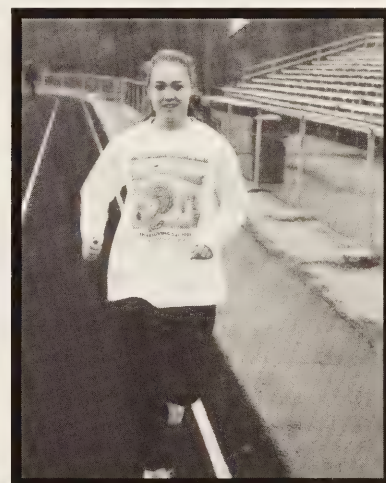




**On Your Mark, Get Set, Gooooo....** Pushing off Michael Brown, Dale Ocheltree, Bobbie Decatur, Joe Brown, and Krista Mears start the 440 relay. The start was a key issue in the ability to gain a few more seconds, sometimes meaning the win over another opponent. *Photo by Rita Decatur.*



**My World...** In a shot put trance Sam Hall looks on to her goal in the distance. Her visual antics and ability led her to place first in the event and moved her on to another higher level meet. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**Smile!!!** Edith Taylor looks on to the camera as she easily circles the track again and again. Edith's running ability was well demonstrated in her excellent cross country skills, and her participation in winter and spring track. *Photo by Rita Botts.*

**Pole-vaulting** Clearing with ease, Jonathan Catalano releases the pole as coach Gorfida looks on. Pole vaulting was Jonathan's main event, one he did with ease and comfort. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**Boys Varsity Soccer Front Row:** Dwayne Hillian, Chris Holcomb, Jonathan Truslow, Cory Harding **Second Row:** Eric Wall, Shane Grizzle, Dustin Rollins, Travis Price, Thomas Hagerty, Robert Doyle **Third Row:** Coach Taylor, Matt Bland, Arend Bolthouse, Brian Cook, Sean Kerr, Andy Rowdon, Richard Greenlaw, Brian Whited



### Boys Soccer

James Monroe .....	March 20
Osbourn Park .....	March 24
Woodbridge .....	March 25
Potomac .....	March 27
North Stafford-J.V. ....	March 30
North Stafford-Varsity .....	March 31
Courtland .....	April 2
Brooke Point (J.V.) .....	April 6
Brooke Point (Varsity) .....	April 7
Culpeper .....	April 9
Chancellor .....	April 21
North Stafford (J.V.) .....	April 23
North Stafford (Varsity) .....	April 24
Courtland .....	April 28
Brooke Point(J.V.) .....	April 30
Brooke Point(Varsity) .....	May 1
Culpeper .....	May 5
Chancellor .....	May 8



**Boys JV Soccer Front Row:** Ian Campbell, Ryan Poe, Hunt Blackburn, Johnny Cabaniss, Justin Beck, Justin Hall, Brooks Royster, Richie Dickenson, James Meyers **Second Row:** Tom Daly, Eric Dowling, Oliver Goldman, David Janney, Jacob Ryan, Dan Daly, Carson Tyson, Tony Levine

# The Soccer Guys

## Boy's soccer prepared for a great season

Starting off with a positive outlook often helped the players to stay in the game. "Everybody feels pretty good about our season so far," stated Eric Wall. "Personally, I think we have good team this year." This idea was shared with many members of the team. "We have a lot of talent to work with this year," said Travis Price.

Not only did it take skill, but it also took a lot of endurance. "My legs are really sore from all the running we do," added Cory Harding after only the first week of practice. They could often be seen running to keep up their strength. They worked hard and had a respectable season. "I think we're going to do even better next year," said Travis Foss.

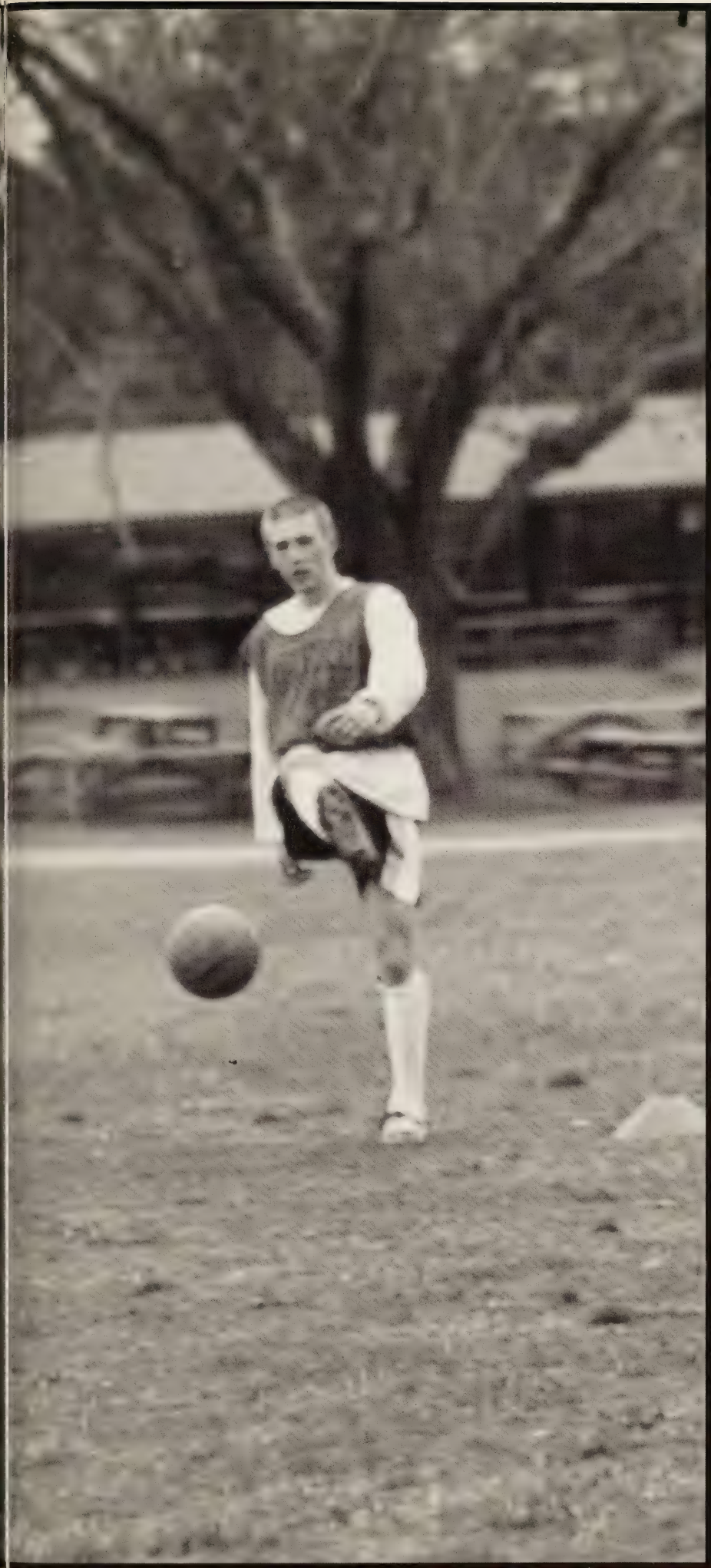
J.V. also had quite a learning experience. "I think we would do better if more people came to watch, but nobody really cares about J.V.," said Hunt Blackburn. But no matter what the players thought, soccer tended to be the most popular spring sport events. *Story by Nicole Brors.*



**Soccer Boy** Playing around with the ball, Shaun Kerr returns the pass to another one of his teammates as Dustin Rollins runs to get open. The players needed to be quick on their feet as well as aware of where to pass the ball before receiving it.

*Photo by Mark Hughes.*





**Kicking the crud out of it** Team captain Andy Rowdon kicks the soccer ball across the field. It was important to practice passes so that the players knew where to go in the games. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Just doin' it** Thomas Hagerty, Dustin Rollins, and Andy Rowdon just stand around waiting for the next order from their coach. Listening was an important part of learning how to play the game. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



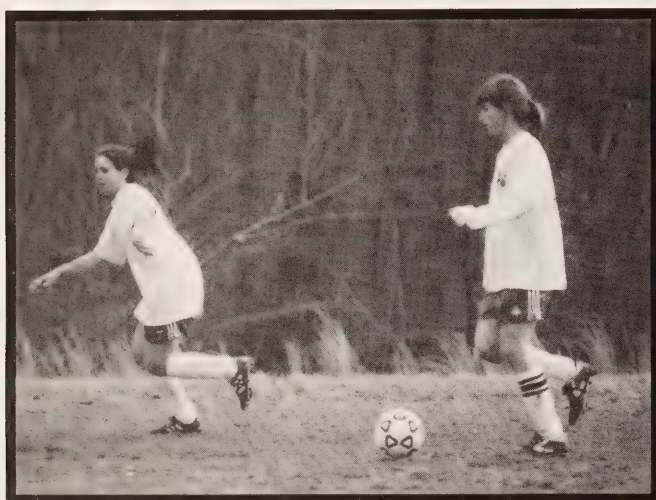
**Chasing the ball** Soccer players Brooks Royster, Hunt Blackburn, Justin Hall, and Johnny Cabaniss chase after the ball in order to gain possession of it. It was always important to have control of the ball or at least know where it was. *Photo by Courtney Berry.*



**Kickin'** Laura Crigler charges down the field and practices her kicking techniques. In the game of soccer, practice made perfect. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

**Where now?** Looking for somewhere to kick the ball, Katie Kolakowski runs down the field. Soccer was a fun experience for all the girls, but when it came to game time it was serious and very intense.

*Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



**Stay Away** Running down the field and trying to dodge her teammate, Becky Doyal displays some fancy footwork. In a game, the fancy footwork was an essential to winning and keeping the ball away from the defense. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*





# Meeting Goals

## Ahead of the Game

After tough and exhausting tryouts, the girls soccer team only had a tougher season ahead of them. The season started out with rainy weather, but hopefully the teams will make it through the season with mother nature on their side.

This year the varsity team was looking forward to a good season. "This year our team should be successful because we're all friends and working towards the same common goal," said Miceia Robinson. Most teammates were looking forward to the games so they could prove themselves.

Not only the varsity, but the JV was also looking forward to a good season. Coach Liz Dixon commented, "This is one of the best J.V. teams that I have seen over the years. We have a lot of great freshmen and they all work well together."

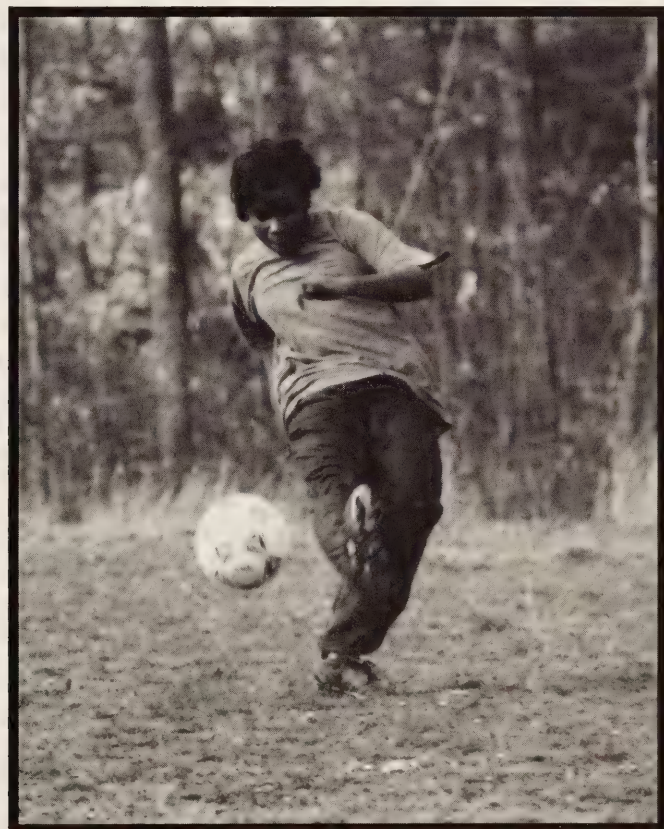
Whether these two teams went on to win or not, these girls were happy as long as they met their GOALS! *Story by Amy Cooper.*



**Strike a Pose** Watching the action of the field, Mr. Agnew waits to critique his girls. Mr. Agnew was not only good at teaching each girl individually, but he also incorporated good teamwork skills. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

### Girls Soccer

Osborn Park .....	March 24
Woodbridge .....	March 25
Potomac .....	March 27
North Stafford-JV only .....	March 30
North Stafford-Varsity only .....	March 31
Courtland .....	April 3
Brooke Point-JV only .....	April 6
Brooke Point-Varsity only .....	April 7
Culpeper .....	April 9
Hilton .....	April 15
Chancellor .....	April 21
North Stafford-JV only .....	April 23
North Stafford-Varsity only .....	April 24
Courtland .....	April 28
Brooke Point-JV only .....	April 30
Brooke Point-Varsity only .....	May 1
Culpeper .....	May 5
Chancellor .....	May 8



**Girls Soccer** *Front Row:* Laurie Mathias, Heather McGuiness, Jessica Player, Christy Martens, Laurie Watts, Bobbi Decatur, Nikki Zwelinoff *Second Row:* Kelly Moore, Katherine Meadows, Stephanie Heffernan, Kelly Coppage, Andrea Varga, Sarah Edwards, Jenny Harding *Third Row:* Kristin McCants, Jennifer Sullivan, Rachel Jarnecke, Allison Derr, Laura Crigler, Sara Philpott, Miceia Robinson, Jamie Hillian, Sarah Stamps *Fourth Row:* Angela Feindt, Jessica Moore, Becky Doyal, Elizabeth Campbell, Katie Kolakowski, Mary-Curtis Smart, Jessica Rose, Lindsay Coker, Crystal Carper, Karen Sowala *Not Pictured:* Jessica Fenton, Kristy Noel

**Watch Out** Passing the ball to her teammates, Miceia Robinson practices her kicking. A large part of soccer was teamwork, so all the girls pulled together. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*





**Taking a Swing at It** Baseball practice included running through plays as well as improving skills. As his teammate Jason Dauch swings, Steven Love watches from the side. Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.

**OUT!** At practice, Bradley Richmond heads for the base as J.R. Royster catches the ball. The team practiced certain drills to be better prepared for the games. Photo by Darragh Copley



**Up to Bat** Baseball players had to have a powerful and an accurate swing, and that took practice. Up to bat, Jeff Swidrak practices his swing at an after school practice.

Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.





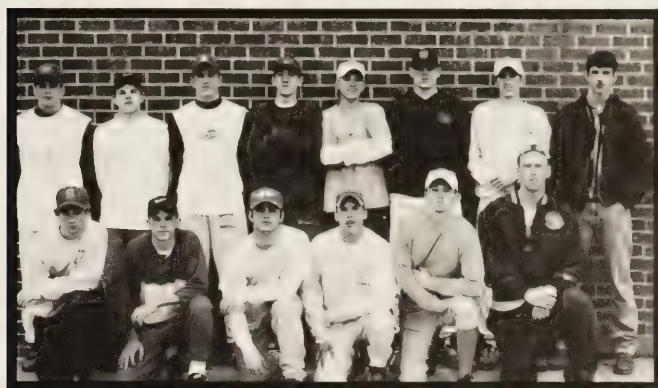
# Into the Swing of it

## Spring means baseball

The start of spring did not just mean warm weather and sun, it was also the time for spring sports, such as baseball, to get into action. The approach of March began conditioning and tryouts for the J.V. and varsity baseball teams. "We do some running and a lot of drills; it gets you going again after being inside all the time during winter," said Ryan Graham, a junior who played for the varsity team. His younger brother, Matt Graham, was on the J.V. baseball team. "It's pretty cool; the running isn't, but you get used to it and it isn't that bad," Matt added.

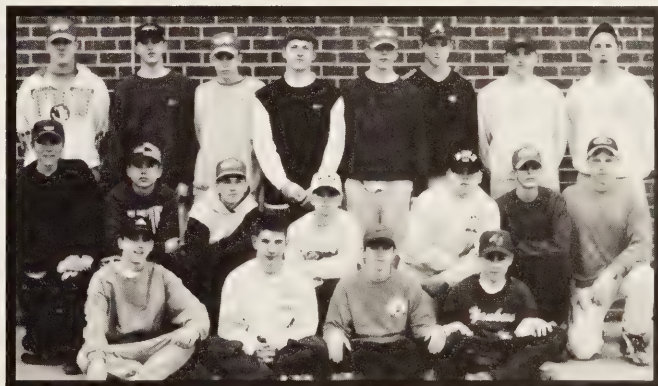
The team had many new additions, as well as a lot of returning players. As a junior and a member of the varsity team, Chris Shiflett played his third year. "It's more work than people think it is, we do some running and we go through different drills, playing different positions and things like that," Chris commented. Baseball was a great way to get back into shape after the cold days of winter. For many who played, it got spring off to a more exciting start and made the end of the school year go by just a little bit faster! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*

**Varsity Baseball** *Front Row:* Jonathan Cribbs, Brandon Yonts, Kevin Drury, Bobby Bowling, Seth Bourne, Ryan Clore *Second Row:* Jeffrey Swidrak, John Lane, Joe Royston, Ryan Graham, Jason Bast, Jay Schmitz, Billy Hayes, Christopher Shiflett



### Baseball

James Monroe .....	March 20
Spotsylvania .....	March 24
Orbourn Park .....	March 25
James Monroe .....	March 27
Spotsylvania .....	March 30
North Stafford .....	March 31
Courtland .....	April 2
Brooke Point .....	April 7
Culpeper .....	April 9
Stonewall Jackson .....	April 15
Mt. Vernon .....	April 16
Orbourn Park .....	April 20
Chancellor .....	April 21
North Stafford .....	April 24
Courtland .....	April 28
Brooke Point .....	May 1
Culpeper .....	May 5
Chancellor .....	May 8



**JV Baseball** *Front Row:* Matt Graham, Ryan Warren, Mike Farley, Larry Brunow *Second Row:* John Rerucha, Jason Delk, Jason Phipps, P.J. DePersio, John Ross Duvall, George Prince, J.R. Cooper *Third Row:* Billy Montahand, Ben Parsons, Joey Newton, Brian Kerstetter, Steven Love, Kenny Henderson, Seth Shealey, Justin Ward

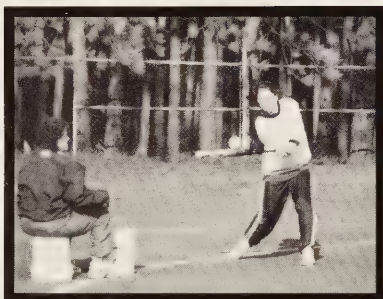
**Just a Ball Game** The J.V. team practiced alongside varsity in the afternoons. They ran through drills and worked on certain skills. Here, Brian Kerstetter and Mike Farley take turns pitching and hitting the ball to each other. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*





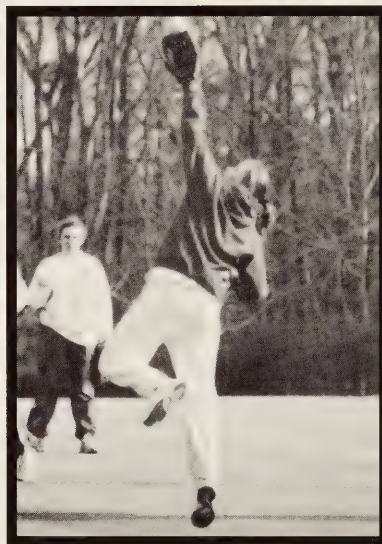


**The BIG Hurt** As the Stafford High School version of Frank Thomas, Darla Stevens gets ready to crank one way out over the fence. Part of being great on the field was practicing hard all day everyday. The girls worked hard everyday after school, only being stopped by the occasional rain from El Nino. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**A Swing and a...** In order to prepare for all the big games during the season, the players went through different drills to correct any problems they were having. All of the players went through batting practice; Nicole Brors worked hard all season to be on top of her game. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

above right: **And It's a Line Drive** Keeping her mind on the game and her eye on the ball, Junior Jenny Witter makes an incredible leap for the ball. Softball took a lot of energy and concentration from all of the players and the coaches. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Play Ball!** The absolute best part of being on the softball team was going to practice... well, maybe not - perhaps the best part was on gameday. Happily grinning, Katie Clore throws towards one of her teammates to pick off the incoming runner. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





# It's Outta' Here

The softball team... just could, go, all, the, way...

The Girls Varsity Softball team returned several key players from last year's line-up and even managed to add a new touch. One of the latest additions to the softball team was new head coach Mrs. Pat Wheelbarger, who had high hopes and great expectations for her team. Deidra Mullins said, "Mrs. Wheelbarger was an awesome coach, she was so cool, and without her we probably wouldn't have had such a great season." The girls team went through about a week's worth of tryouts before Mrs. Wheelbarger had made her final decisions for the team. The keys to being a success on the field were being well prepared during the game. To accomplish this feat the girls practiced batting and other skills, and were put through every possible scenario so that they could perform efficiently during the game. Nicole Brors said, "This year was a lot of fun, and I'm just glad that I'll be able to come back for one more year with the team." Erika Havasy said, "I think this year was a really rewarding season; we did great and we had a great time." The girls had a great season, worked hard, and finished respectfully in district competition.

The Junior Varsity squad also had a great season working hard to prepare for both games and a future in Stafford Indian Softball. The team improved both by lessons learned on and off the field, and by watching the Varsity squad. Many days were spent after school on the field in preparation for anything that the opposing teams could find to throw at them. Their season was a success and all the players looked forward to returning the next year. *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

**Varsity Softball** *Front Row:* Nicole Brors, Meagan Hanson, Betsy Decatur, Jenny Witter *Second Row:* Candi Harpine, Deidra Mullins, Erica Havasy, Erica Civitarese, Darla Stevens, Colleen Cooney *Third Row:* Carrie Loving, Rita Stevens, Sabrina Reeve, Michelle Barill, Amanda Zowara



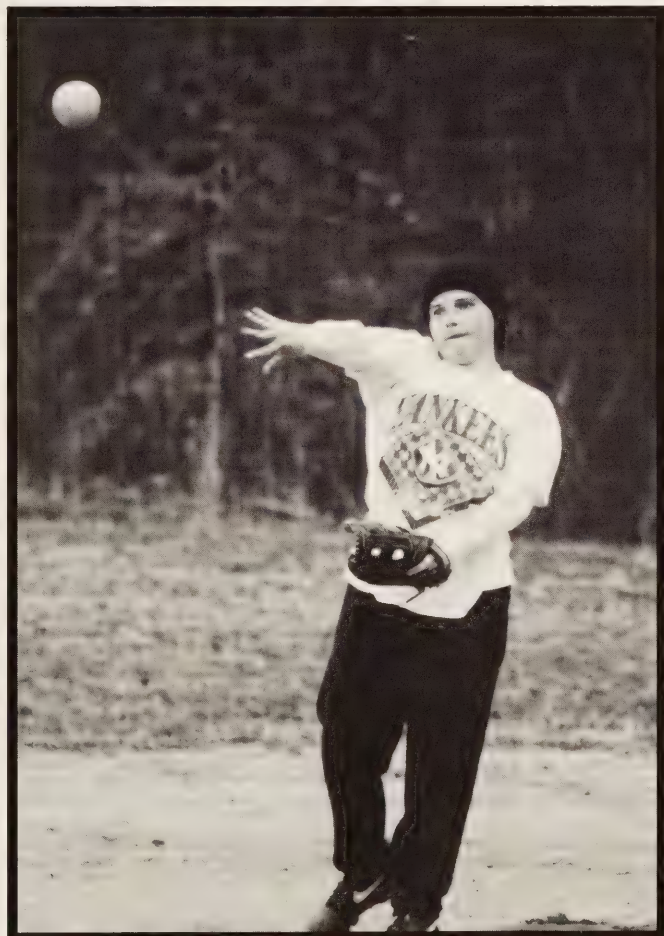
## Softball

Albemarle .....	March 20
Sootylyvania .....	March 24
Osbourn Park .....	March 25
Hylton .....	March 27
Sootylyvania .....	March 30
North Stafford .....	March 31
Albemarle .....	April 1
Courtland .....	April 2
Brooke Point .....	April 7
Culpeper .....	April 9
Stonewall Jackson .....	April 15
Osbourn Park .....	April 20
Chancellor .....	April 21
North Stafford .....	April 24
Courtland .....	April 28
Brooke Point .....	May 1
Culpeper .....	May 5
Chancellor .....	May 8



**JV Softball** *Front row:* Coach Laurie Cook, Coach Butch Brewer *Second Row:* Christy Abel, Joanne Yednock, Jamie Sullivan, Bonnie Zaiko, Christy Bryant, Krista Eck *Third Row:* Ann Patton, Laurie Cooney, Jessica Covington, Sarah Hatcher, Katie Clore *Fourth Row:* Jean Cornwell, Rebecca Burrian, Samantha Getner, Lindsay Hession

**Throw Home!** Always keeping aware of her surroundings, Ginny Street picks off the runner headed towards home plate. Having a great offense was complemented by having a great pitching staff, infield, and outfield. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*







**Hair Raising** While serving the ball, Mike Hodge's hair gets a life of its own. Many players developed a unique style during their sports season. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Taking a Shot** Practicing his swing, Peter Whitford shows his stuff while Alok Gulati stands in the background. Players practiced long hard hours to perfect their swing. The tennis team finished with a respectable season. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



**Smacking it** Kevin Roberts shows his skill with a powerful return shot. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*





**Wishing to Play** Standing on the sidelines, Alex Doyal looks in on the action. This was Alex's first year playing tennis. Many new players came out for the team this year. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



# At the Net

## The tennis team prepared for their upcoming season

When the spring starts there are many conversations around other sports, but not that many concerning the boy's tennis team. "During the buzz around spring sports, tennis gets the least recognition, but that does not mean that it's not a hard sport. Most people think of it as just a hobby, but it's more than that," said tennis player Kevin Roberts. "People think of us as preps, but we're really not, except for Jeff Cooper, of course," said Jay Underwood. Many people have trouble understanding the game as a spectator, but once they play the game for the first time they can't stop. "This is my first year playing, but it is a great way to get exercise and have fun," commented Brett Lively. "It may look like an easy sport, but the practices are hard and the training is long," said Jeff Cooper. Even if they do not get the recognition and stardom that other sports players get the tennis team plays for one reason and one reason only, for the love of the game. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*

### Boys Tennis

Spotsylvania .....	March 23
James Monroe .....	March 24
North Stafford .....	March 26
Courtland .....	March 31
Brooke Point .....	April 2
Chancellor Tournament .....	April 2&4
Culpeper .....	April 7
Chancellor .....	April 9
North Stafford .....	April 11
Courtland .....	April 12
Brooke Point .....	April 23
Culpeper .....	April 30
Chancellor .....	May 5



**Smooth Swings** Brett Lively shows his grace with his tennis racket. Brett was a new player with his only experience being in gym class, but he did his best to help out the team. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



**Boys Tennis** *Front Row:* Greg Horton, Steve Myers, Alok Gulati, Peter Whitford, M.J. Moyers, Phillip Walsky, Joe Johnson *Second Row:* Coach Chris Hylton, Kevin Roberts, Kyle Gribbs, Brett Lively, Jeff Cooper, Jay Underwood, Garrett Green, Michael Hodge, Eugene Shvets





**Taking Charge** Running down the field, Andy Truslow fights to keep possession of the ball during a practice. Scrimmages helped the players to test their skills in a game situation. This hard work paid off throughout the season. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Stick Work** Cradling the ball in his stick, Andy Truslow is closely followed by Billy Ice as they make their way around the field. By pushing themselves, players also helped to push their teammates to become stronger players. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

**Listen Up** Before the start of practice, lacrosse coach Dan Penny gives instructions to his players. Strategy was an important part of the game of lacrosse. The players were often inexperienced and were therefore constantly learning new techniques.

*Photo by Mark Hughes.*





# New Blood

## The Lacrosse team works hard to surpass last season's record

Lacrosse was a new experience for many people, both spectators and players included. Unlike sports such as soccer and baseball, there were no intramural programs available to kids who wanted to start the sport early. Therefore, coaches had a tough job on their hands, trying to teach the game to new players while helping old ones to improve. Due to lack of knowledge about this activity, people tended to have mistaken impressions about the skill required to master the sport. "Lacrosse isn't just a sport in which a person can just buy gear and start playing competitively. It takes several years of practicing and developing before one is at his best. Even the best person on the team has a long way to go. Lacrosse is intense, but it is fun," said Chad Martin. Nate Thompson added, "Most people believe that lacrosse is a game where you just run around and beat people with sticks, and that is so wrong. Lacrosse takes skills and split-second decisions. The game is built on speed and grace. It takes a lot of teamwork and communication to build a good team." The players' and coaches' hard work helped to build a successful program at Stafford. *Story by Sara Philpott.*

**Taking a Breather** Leisurely passing the ball during practice, Danny Labar, Saul Newsome, Brian McNulty, and Josh Bailey fine tune their skills. Due to the hard work and physical activity involved in the sport, players enjoyed the rest periods. Everyone looked forward to water breaks. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Lacrosse** *Front Row:* Adam Peck, Brian McNulty *Second Row:* Sean Posey, Drew Penny, Chris Kraus, Danny Labar, Billy Ice *Third Row:* Randy Kleist, Steven Cull, Josh Bailey, Brian Fuller, Danny Pownall, Coach Peck *Fourth Row:* Coach Penny, Nate Thompson, Andrew Hall, Nick Cornwell, Daniel Perry, Andrew Truslow, Jeremy Shelton

**The Wait...** Waiting in line to shoot on goal, Danny Labar prepares to take his turn while Billy Ice, Sam Newsome, and Chris Kraus look on. These drills were not only designed to help the field players' shooting, but also the goalies' skills. It was important for the coaches to create drills that benefited everyone on the team. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



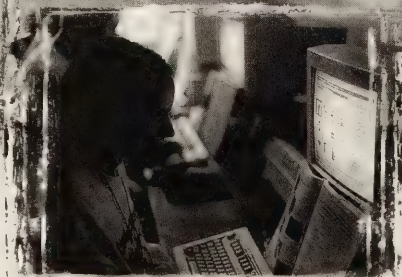
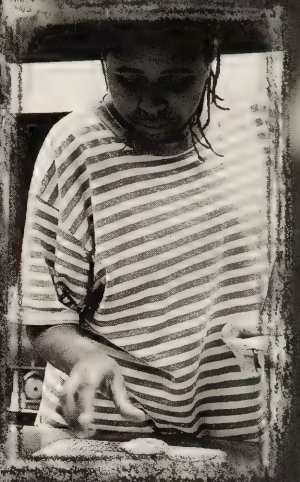


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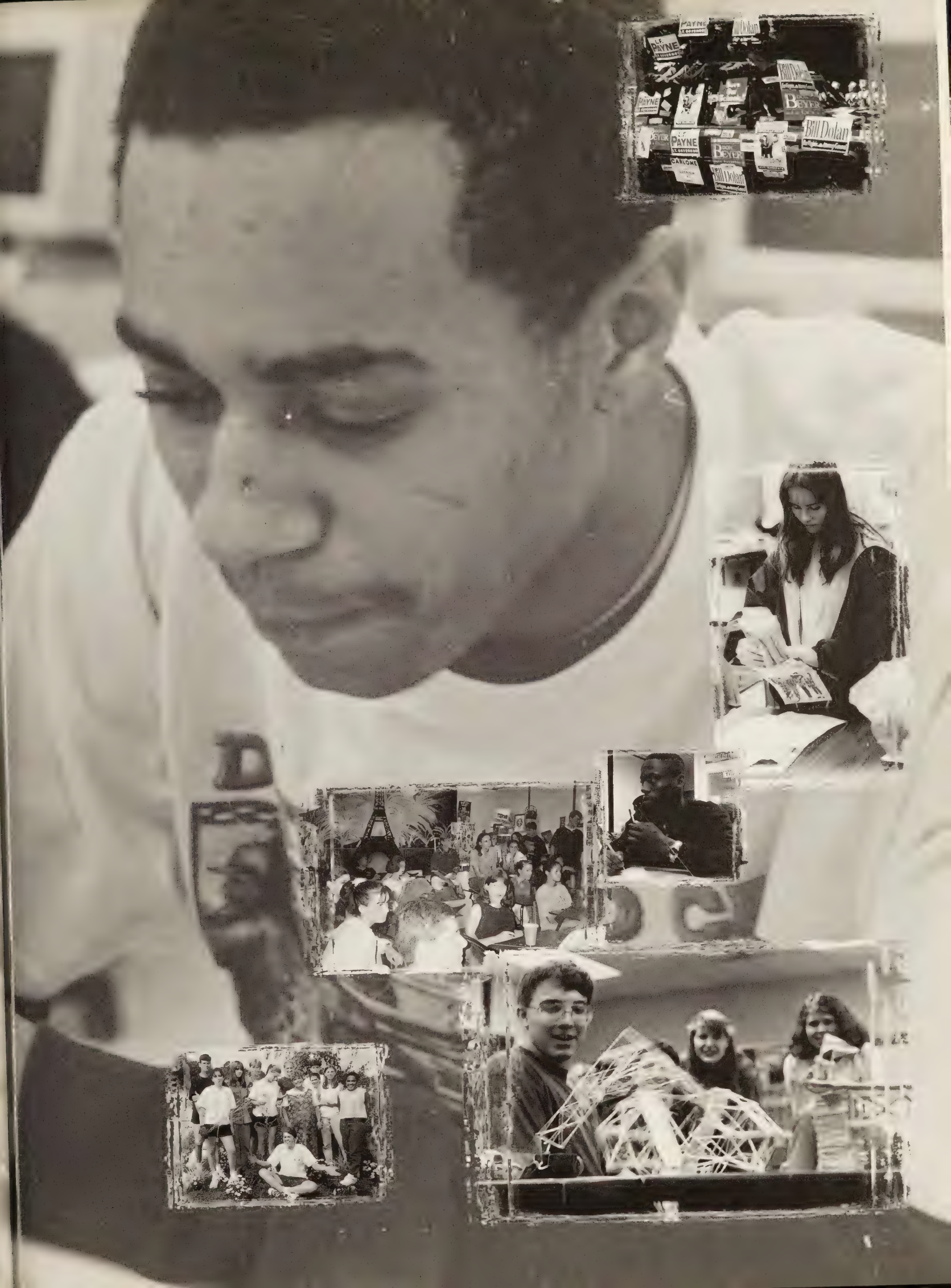
What is a student to do who wants to become involved in their community? Or a student who is particularly interested in art? Luckily for these ambitious students there are a wide array of clubs offered at Stafford High School. These clubs included anything from NAHS (National Art Honor Society), to Key Club, to Environmental Club. The wide variety ensured that almost every student could find a club tailored to their interests.

Many clubs were formed to give volunteer help to their community through a variety of activities. Erin Kerby, a member of several clubs including Latin Club, NHS, and Key Club, said, "Clubs are a good way to get to know people that aren't in your classes or grade. You can have fun while doing something for your community and school." Clubs could also provide a social outlet for students who wanted to meet people with interests similar to their own. "Clubs are good because they help social outcasts, such as myself, attempt to fit in," said Todd Coates. Todd was a member of the Forensic Club, which participated in several oratory competitions throughout the year.

Clubs were helpful to the community and looked good on college applications, but many students joined them just to have fun. "I have fun in Key Club because all my friends are also in it. Having your friends around makes anything more fun," said Erika Havasy. *Story by Sara Philpott.*





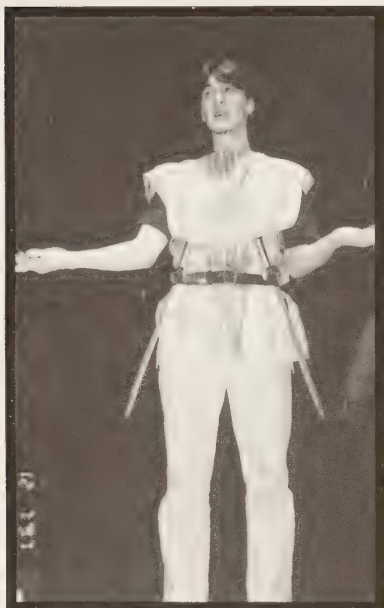




**Merely a Stage** Stealing the spotlight, Ben Robinson takes his turn telling the story. Throughout the play, members took turns being narrator. The versatile character roles played a big part in the exciting plot. *Photo by Aaron Austin.*

# ACTING UP

## TO ACT OR NOT TO ACT



That is the question. For members of the drama club, the answer was easy. Members of the drama club spent many long hours preparing for just one play. Their hard work paid off in their fall production of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare—Abridged*. In this play, they did an overview of all of the works of Shakespeare... with a twist. From David Jett throwing up silly string all over the crowd, to Cramer Thompson's hysteria, it was a trip from the ever classic Shakespeare to a modern misinterpretation of hilarious mockery. It was an audience-oriented play that kept people wondering what would happen next. "It was weird seeing part of the cast come sit with us, but I liked it. It was funny and different," said audience member Kristy Noel.

Some members later moved on to compete in the Virginia High School League (VHSL) one act play competition with *The Trial*. In 1994 they got first in state in this competition. Last year (97) they competed in the Virginia Theater Association (VTA) competition and also made first. They then went on to compete in The Southeast Theater Conference Association (STCA) and received second. "It was extremely exciting but it was disappointing that we didn't win first place," said Dee Dee Bevan.

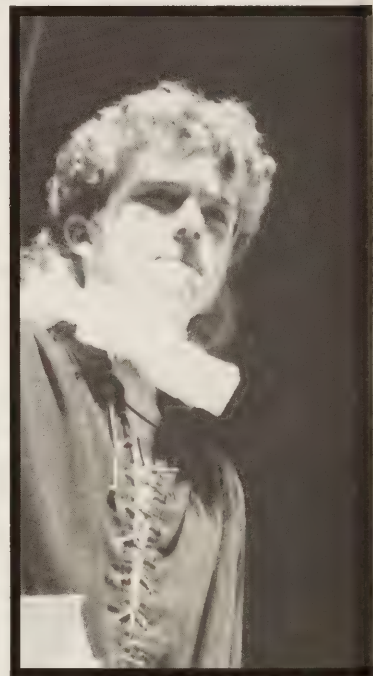
Being in plays and competing when the pressure is high can sometimes be stressful, but it does have its rewards. "Going to Miami for the STCA competition was great. We got to get out of school and go somewhere with nicer weather," said Drama Club member Nick Boeke. And besides, who knows? Maybe one day a fellow student may grow up to be a famous actor or actress. Hey, it could happen. *Story by Nicole Brors*



**A Song for the Stage** Narrating the next Shakespeare story, Scott Ramsburg adds a musical touch to the play. At the end of the night the cast made a tribute to all the senior members. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



**Drama Club** *Front Row:* Willie Mcgee, Ashley Johnson, Robin Good, Ashley Dameron, Nicole Kelly, Lizzie Kincaid *Second Row:* Kensley Whitler, Patricia Gipson, Cramer Thompson, Katie Carter, Allison Hales, Jacob Walther, D.D. Bevan, Anousheh Khalili, Laura Baker, Nick Hanzel *Third Row:* Dana Logan, Nick Boeke, Morgan Baker, Brian Creasy, Janet Douberly, Patty Conner, Scott Ramsburg, Grayson Willis, Katherine Kimbrell, Phillip Harley, Carlee Brueser *Fourth Row:* Nathan Compton, David Jett, Ben Robinson, Scott Ferrebee, Kevin Ouelette, Adrienne Brown, Meaghan Wilson, Amanda Lee, Rachel Varley, Amber Sullivan, Tim O'Leary, Michael Hedge



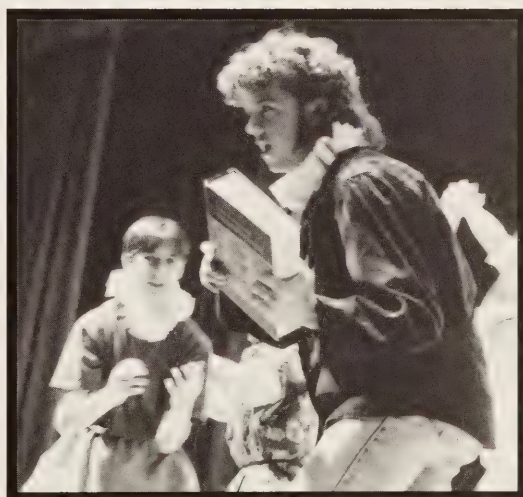
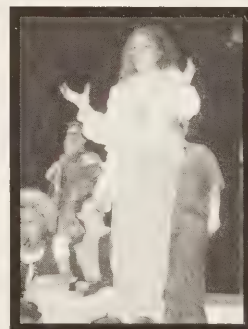




**Frazzled** After a long tiring run around the auditorium, Cramer Thompson takes a rest with Morgan Baker. In the Drama Club's winter production, Cramer acted as a wild actress gone mad. Each member of the cast had a unique part to add to the play.

*Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**After Much Frustration** Dee Bevan narrates the story while Cramer Thompson looks on. They were both talented seniors who contributed a lot of time to the Drama department. *Photo by Aaron Austin.*



**And Then...** Through his dramatic interpretation, David Jett tells his story as William McGee joins in the background. David did an entertaining interpretation of Elvis early on. The play had the audience in hysterical laughter. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Deep Stuff** Contemplating the next line, David Jett stands while Nathan Compton looks on. Nathan started as a freshman with a small part but later became an important actor in the drama department. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



# SINGING SENSATIONS

## THE INS AND OUTS OF CHORUS

As you walk down the P.E. hallway, have you ever wondered where all that singing was coming from? Well, that's probably just one of the many sections of the Chorus we have here at Stafford. The Chorus Department is divided up into four different section, the Madrigals, Show Choir, Girls Ensemble, and Chorale.

Some people consider Chorus an "easy elective" where you won't have any homework, and you just sit around and sing. Wrong! Chorus student Erin Kerby stated, "Chorus is a lot of work, and a lot of practice, but in the end it all pays off." These Chorus groups usually give two big performances each year, once at Christmas, and once at the end of year in the Spring.

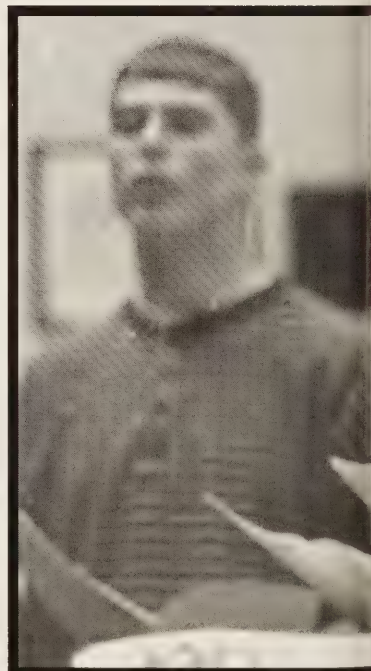
These chorus students, little known to Stafford, work all year round perfecting for each performance, making Stafford proud of every note they sung. *Story by Amy Cooper.*

**Chorus** *Front Row:* Kandi Hamm, Kelly Moore, Elizabeth Lee, Lindsey Whitestone, Charlene Smith, Krystal Conton-Jackson, Victoria Dungan, Alicia Burton, April Hayes, Vickie Gorecki *Second Row:* Erin Kerby, Ashley Pollpeter, Adrian August, Heather Harrelson, Silke Gunther, Alex Doyal, Jennifer Swansburg, Rachel Maloney, Abby Zawora, Jenny Wiley, Elizabeth Peterkin *Third Row:* Amy Crawford, Christie Beach, Sarah Bryant, Katrina Bishop, Monica North, Valerie Danielson, Mandi Long, Jennie Carruba, John Stephens, John Lawrence, Susan Thompson *Fourth Row:* April Jenkins, Karah Gendron, Christina Sidom, Curtis Calhoun, Nathan Havasy, Willie McGhee, Bryan Elard, Gee Gee Bean, Janet Douberly, Elisa Pritchard



**Smiling Away Performing with a smile on her face, Crystal Jackson finishes up a song. Even though chorus took a lot of hard work, students enjoyed being able to express their talents and have fun at the same time.**

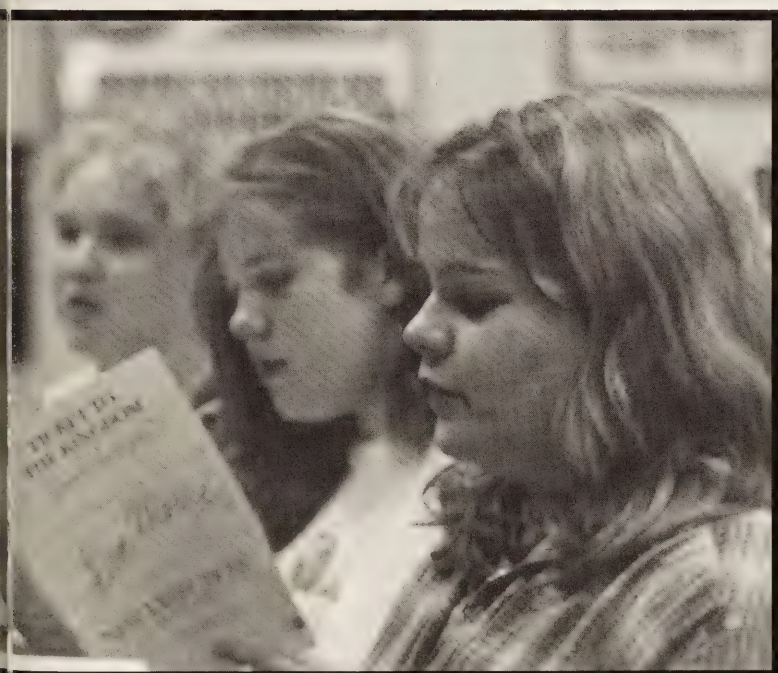
*Photo by Jessica Rose.*







**Name That Tune** Alex Doyal and Mandy Smith practice for their upcoming concert. Preparing for concerts and other performances required a lot of hard work on the student's part. It all paid off in the end when the curtain was drawn and the students could hear the applause. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



**Going Solo** Running through her solo, Crystal Lee practices hard. It was a honor to receive a solo, and it also included a lot of hard work and practice. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*

**Far Left: Don't Look Now** Concentrating on their music, Lindsey Whitestone and other students of the Choral Group practice on a new piece of music. Running through music for the first time was tough and required a lot of concentration. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



# STRAIGHT TO BUSINESS

## GETTING INVOLVED WITH FBLA & DECA

Of course we hear it all the time... FBLA & DECA. Exactly what do all those letters mean? They stand for the Future Business Leaders of America and Distributive Education Clubs of America. Students pursuing anything from computers, to business, even fashion design and merchandising were free to join either the FBLA or DECA. The clubs provided students with a chance to learn more about the business world that most would be entering after high school or college. "DECA has given me a lot of good opportunities, especially through competition," said Jennie Tuscany, who has been active in DECA for most of her high school experience.

The clubs could also help students to apply for jobs, get jobs and most importantly, keep them. "The club gets you prepared for the real world," said Jackie Braja, a DECA member. Both clubs met often throughout the year and participated in various competitions. FBLA & DECA continually open doors for students aspiring toward business occupations. *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz*

**DECA** *Front Row:* Nate Cherrico, Joe Yednock, Angela Feindt, Stacey Burns, Michelle Bowie, Tanya Wenzel, Shannon Glasshof, Heidi Qualls, Jessica Lee *Second Row:* Kristen Crowley, Chrissy Buck, Vicki Morgan, Joe Harding, Bonnie Hamilton, Melissa Hughes, Kevin Drury, Jennie Tuscany, Kristin Phillips, Amy Lesney, Jackie Braja, Melissa Sprague, Derek Fults *Third Row:* Mrs. Simms, Devon Jackson, Mary Simpson, Christina Bradman, Tanya Goss, Jessica Stella, Christine Penn, Christen Brooks, Kristen Cox, Candace Landry, Jennifer Drury, Michelle Randall, Virginia Brown, Chris Arrington *Fourth Row:* Mr. Beverly, Jacob Scott, Chris Winger, Charles Henderson, Bobby Bowling, Jacob Gadd, Ron Sullivan, Reggie Williams, Jason Dengler, Kim Brown, Rashard Johnson, Chuck Beech, Allen Withers, Robert Gillespie

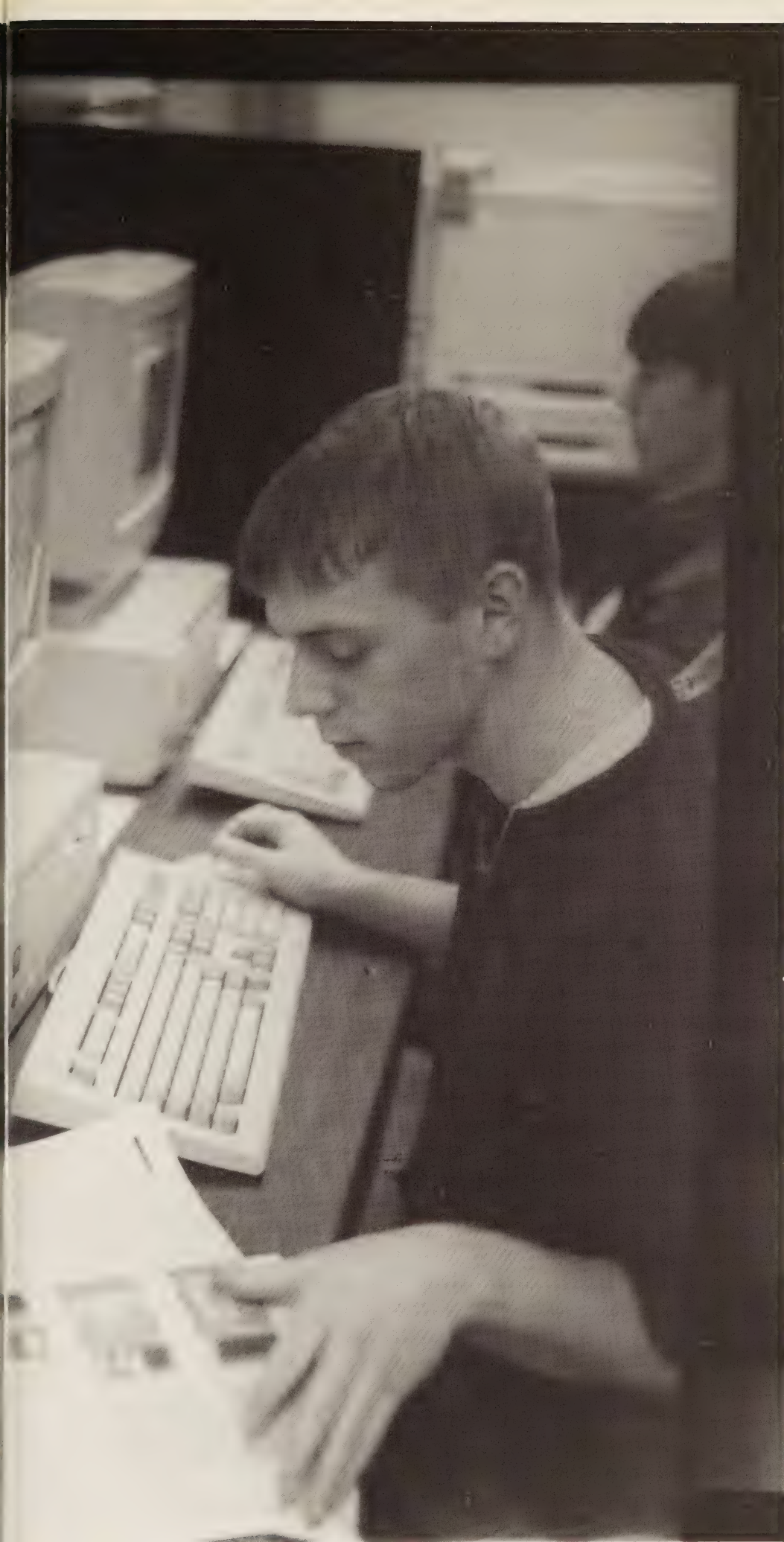


**FBLA** *Front Row:* Leonard Tarrango, Michelle Ballard, Candice Yingling, Terry Carmichael, Kristy Bowen, Heather Mix, Mike Doramus, Bonnie Zaiko, Kirsten Berry, Miguel Columbel, Patti Hurlock, Roger Corker, Sarah Elmore, Melissa Peretich. *Second Row:* Steven Cull, Joey Manning, Mark Perez, Brandon Doyle, Matt Bland, Frances Truslow, Belicia Rivers, Yolanda McQuinn, Mickea Robinson, Darragh Copley, Kerry McKinnon, Brian Pitts, Christina Bradman, Any Cooper, Stephanie Dickinson, Josh Mills. *Third Row:* Liz Dixon, Andrew Flippo, Nathan White, Mike Danzi, Jesse Ruff, Ryan Fines, Jennifer Rector, Stephanie Williams, Allison Dobson, Kim Anderson, Christy Abel, Courtney Blake, Bonnie Combs, Melissa White, Angela Rickard, David Behm. *Fourth Row:* John Payne, Jacob Gadd, Erica Vos, Maranda George, Kristal Branham, Jamie Sullivan, Christy Martens, Melissa Pemberton, Jennifer Phelps, Dan Daly, Tom Daly. *Fifth Row:* Blaire Parsons, Jonathan Truslow, Chris Horne, Jonathan Truslow, Kurt Chewing, Christopher Dowling, Brent Dooley, J.T. Truslow, Robert Doyle, Shawn Kerr, Tim Nimmo, Jason Mullins, Mike Loving.

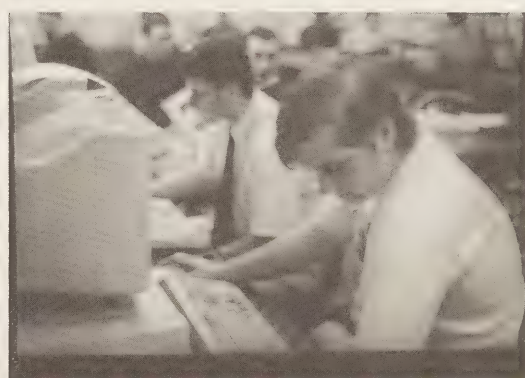
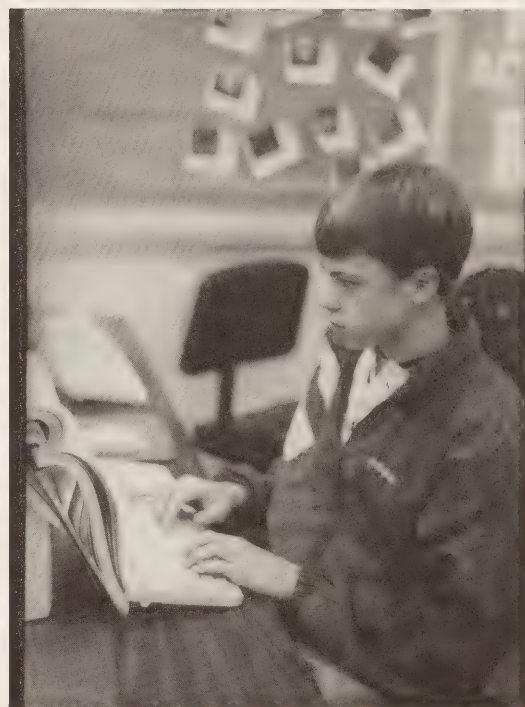


**Hitting the Books** In business classes, students learned the importance of combining common sense with computer and math skills. Mike Loving completes an assignment on the computer for a business management class. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*





**Down to Business** FBLA & DECA were geared for students interested in business and enrolled in business classes. Matt Bland is busy typing in figures for an assignment. The work was similar to what would be done in an actual business. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



**Ready to Work** Business class prepared students for the reality of the business world. Clubs such as DECA & FBLA also helped students get involved. Steven Cull busies himself with a business project. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



# CLUBS FOR THE MIND

## LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, STUDENTS STILL HAVE FUN

**Dynamic Duo** One of the many ways to spend time after school was by practicing and participating in Debate and Forensics.

**Juniors Adrienne Brown and Melissa Rose** both enjoyed being in competitions and meeting different people.

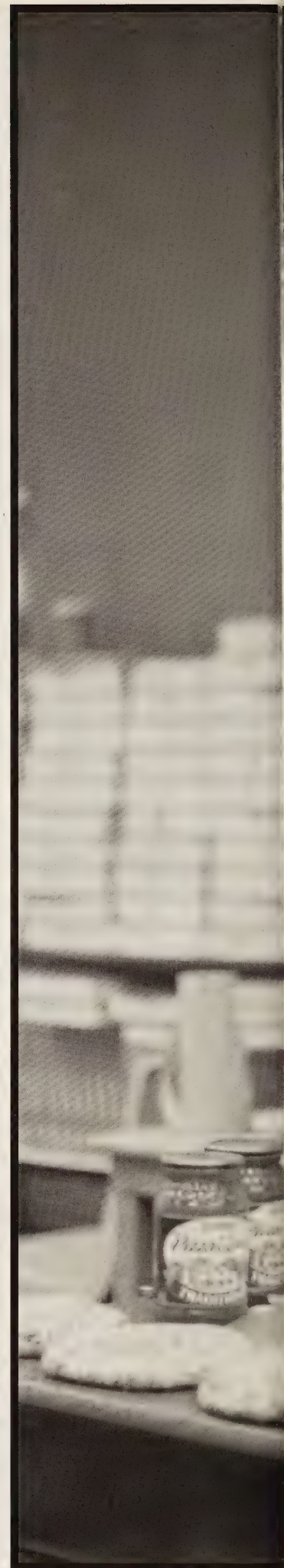
Often times the students would spend most of their Saturday mornings and afternoons competing. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



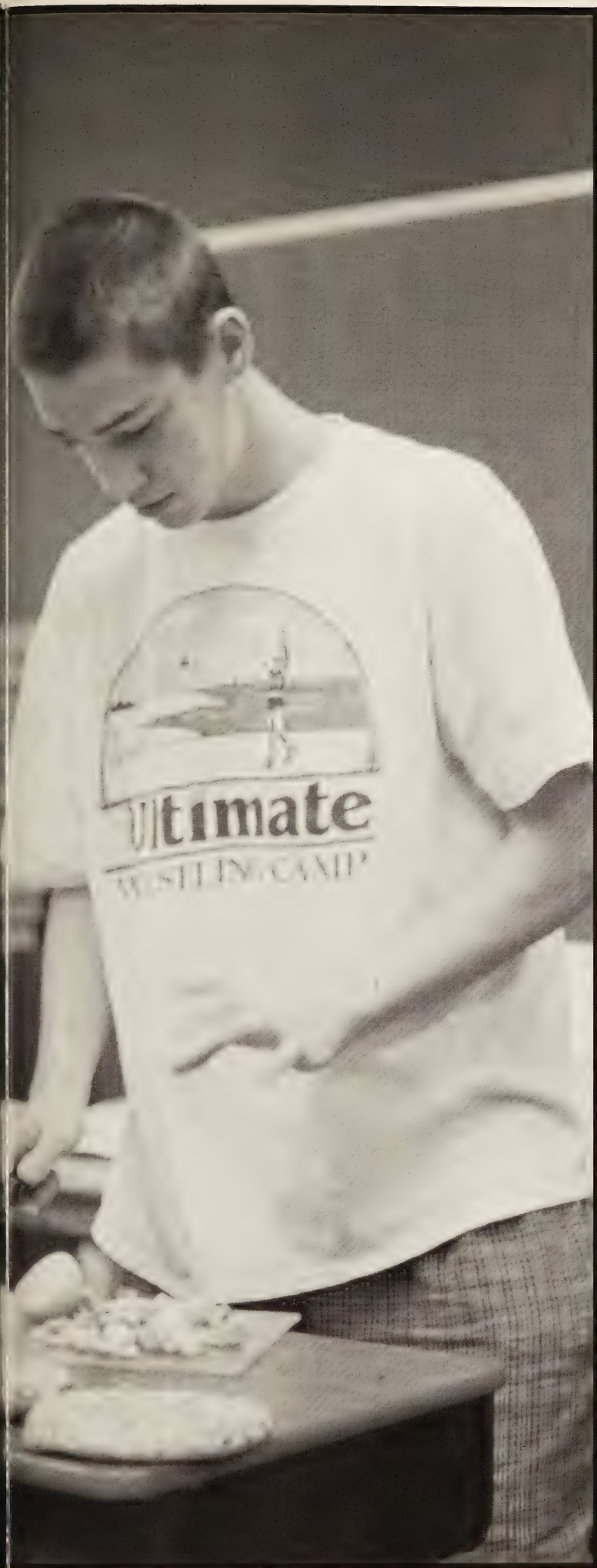
**Environmental Club** *Front Row:* Mr. Tom Summers, Michelle Dudash, Jennifer McPartland, Brendan Ahearn, Katie Kolakowski, Katie Brooks *Second Row:* Jenny McGhee, Matt Slaydon, Allison Derr, Tim Nimo, Andy Rowdon, Shawn Kerr *Third Row:* Katherine Brennan, Jenn Stockdill, Aimee Dudash, Melanie Allen, Katie Kugler, Ben Robinson



**Finishing Touches** Taking just a little extra time to make everything just right, Graham Hope glances one last time at his masterpiece and hopes that it doesn't fall off the table. For all the members of the Forensics and Debate groups hard work and lots of time were key to being a success. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*







**Students for Ethnic Unity** *Front Row:* Jessica Jackson, Anna Porter, Elizabeth Cho, Erin Wood, Roxanna Richardson *Second Row:* Cecilia Cho, Katie Carter, -----, Anousheh Khale, Yolanda McQuinn, Mallory Ennis, Tiffany Hite, Chris Downing *Third Row:* Stefan Wolfe, Vikki Steele, Lacy Detwiler, Robin Copland, Kim Lockett, ----- *Fourth Row:* -----, Ben Robinson, -----, Macus Washington, Michael Hodge *Not Picture:* Tiffany Williams, Krystal Conton-Jackson, Katie Hughes, Randy Kleist, D. Green, Andrea Niel, Casey Cooper, Laura Carruba, Mike Zarella, Elesha Simms, Ms. Garcia (sponsor), Ms. Tyler (sponsor)



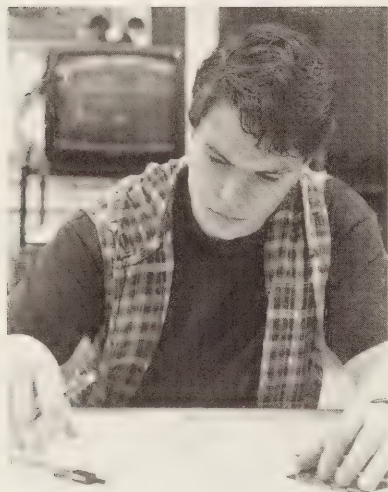
**Gather Round Now** Everyone was more than willing to lend a little advice and help to their friends, especially when it came to preparation for classes and clubs. Jennifer McPartland, Katie Kugler, and Aimee Dudash all gather around in preparation for a Environmental Club's meeting.

*Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Little Things** Brent Dooley puts the finishing touches on a project. The little things, such as making sure the paint isn't on the glass, are sometimes just as important as the big details. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

**Straighten up** Making sure that his drawings are straight, Mike Brown puts the finishing touches on a project. If one didn't have all the lines straight for a project then it would usually mean points off. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



**Auto Mechanics** *Front Row:* Jamie Sullivan, Chris Arrington, Juston Harrison, Robert Hughes, Justin Lander, Tammy Anderson, Kevin Good, Justin Lilley, John Yeager, Reece Banks. *Seconds Row:* Josh Schmidt, Nathan Bourne, Brad Burruss, Kara Quinlan, Josh Chumley, Lyn Hassell, Darrell McMurray, David Thompson, Zach Maples, Daniel Jewels, Jason Rogers, Jason Dupke. *Third Row:* Scott Boyd, Tim Burcham, Willie Mullins, Chris Klingenstein, Tim Griffith, Chad Gardener, Joe Trickett, Dustin Titlow, Jared Brooker.



**Masonry** *Front Row:* Ryan Garrison, Steven Childress, Jamie Atwell, Mr. Beverly, Scott Dye, Mike Sullivan, Paul Christ. *Second Row:* Kenton Conlee, Ray Meadows, JonMike Steinmetz, Eric Hudson, Robbie Donovan, Larry Berryman, C.J. Newton. *Third Row:* Jesse Lucas, Adam Clary, Brandon Brooks, James Loving, Aaron Harwell, Justin Bullock.





# QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE

## VICA STUDENTS PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

The Vocational Industrial Club of America, or VICA, could be found in the vocational hallway here at Stafford. "VICA is a club where men are men and you can get down and dirty," said Justin Harrison. Luke Lenzi had this to say about VICA, "It is competition for which we prepare for the first half of the year and have meetings to give us more information." To help raise money, VICA held their annual fruit sale, which, as always, was a big success and an easy way to help their funding. VICA included such classes as auto mechanics, cosmetology, drafting, and many more others. "Drafting is fun because not only did it help me get an easy grade, but it also helps me prepare for the future," said Matt Cribb. The material they learn in VICA will help them in the real world and better prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow. Story by *Oliver Goldman*.

**Safety First** Adam Dowling makes sure that his hands are out of the way when cutting wood. It was important to make sure you didn't cut yourself while working with these high power tools. Photo by Liz Kravetz.



**Carpentry** *Front Row:* Kris Dorsey, J.T. Truslow, Chris Holcomb, David Dugan, Prentice Wright  
*Second Row:* Mr. Terry Wilson, Coleman Tyson, Josh Grayson, T.J. Leach, Ronnie Dixon, Buddie Walker, Gregory Shell *Third Row:* Kenny Woolen, Corey Williams, Jerome Hill, Jason Majors, Justin McPerson, Chris Mayden



**Electricity** *Front Row:* Jed Snyder, Eddie Morris, Jermaine Allen, Greg Horton *Second Row:* Scott Boyd, Steve McCracken, Justin Tyler, Mark Andrews, Mike Huntsinger, Sparky Wells *Third Row:* Aaron Carter, David Lewis, Rob Sisco, Ben Guest, Lamar Stewart, Jamie Finney



# GETTING TECHNICAL

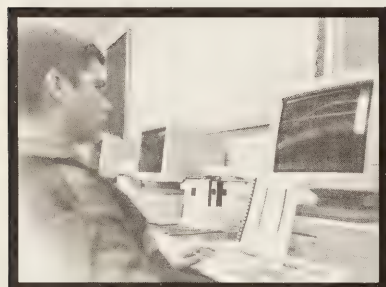
## TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

**Learning the Ropes**  
Students in vocational classes learned skills they could actually carry out into the work world. Kevin Good and Adam Smith work on a car in auto mechanics. Technology was a big part of many people's schedules.

*Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

**Getting Technical** Technology was constantly changing as the year went by. Students in TSA learned all about advancements in computers and technology. Josh Burgess works on a problem solving activity during a technology class.

*Photo by Darragh Copley.*



**Cosmetology** *Front Row:* Kristin Dietz, Misty Blankenship, Tiffany Maltiacchio, Meg Fugate, Tracy Blankenship *Second Row:* Mrs. Brasch, Carissa Lambert, Amanda McKinny, Jenaene Fitzgerald, Becky Quesenberry, Tameka Branham, Mrs. Lisa Gibson *Third Row:* Nikkie Sparks, Stacey Andrews, Stefany Robinson, Jessica Stella, Chrissy Bankes



**CTE** *Front Row:* Amanda McKenny, Kim Ulrich, Angie Sullivan, Meleana Kala, Jen Smith *Second Row:* Bryant Turner, Susan Dawson, Shelly Detwiller, Ryan Sale, Crystal Kelley, Amanda Capps, Cameron Collins, Jennifer Weldon *Third Row:* James Sullivan, Brad Wolfe, Jason Ayers, Jason Fawcett, Billy McCain, Angela Riolo, David Thompson *Fourth Row:* Rose Graves, Malcolm Waddy, Brandon Brooks, Jared Brooker, Jerry Benfield, Shawn Stern *Not Pictured:* Travis Brassart, T. J. Leach, Misty eagal, Steven Fowler, Billy Stanly, Penanda, Robbie Robinson, Travis Saunders, Craig Brooks, Dustin Coleman, Chrissy Day, Jason Dillon, Chadd Gardner, Michelle Jenkins, Brittany Jenkins, Melissa Duer, Willye Mullins, Stephanie Murray, Justin Epperson, Candic Burroughs, Chris Austin, Scott Dye.





**Working the System**  
Problem solving activities taught students about technology of the present and the future. Angie Cline and Melanie Prince use the computers to solve problems during their class. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*

**On your Mark** Some technology classes involved actual models to illustrate technology. Seth Bourne uses a model to test out an experiment. Technology was a hands-on learning experience for students. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



**SA** *Front Row:* Chris Gibson, Brendan Ahearn, Dennis Catrett, Greg Horton, Adam Cwiak, Devin Tobey. *Second Row:* Chris Lonzo, John Gayle, Melanie Hill, Thomas Coppage, Scott Dye. *Third Row:* Ryan Wainwright, Matt Minx, Kenny Aubrey, Kenton Conlee, Tony DiMiao, Jason Urko, T.J. Bell, Justin Ward. *Fourth Row:* Nick Cornwell, Matt Dursa, Andy Rowdon, Curtis Alhoun, J.W. Boutchard, Jason Sihror.



**Drafting** *First Row:* Mr. Jett, Brian Koppel, Luke Lenzi, Brian Miller, Kim Terrel, Dale Ocheltree, D.J. Eagal. *Second Row:* Brian Kersetter, Katie Franke, Kevin Moore, Matt Slaydon, Kevin Pemberton, Mike Brown, Alden Hingle. *Third Row:* T.J. Powell, Marion Washington, Sean Payne, Jeff Carpenter, Dustin Goding, Rico Wilson.







**Making History** Posing for a quick picture, Melanie Biscoe, B.J. Adams, Ai Inoue, and Camden Walker ride the historical float. The students worked hard on the float to represent the History Club. Mr. Eric Powell, the sponsor of the club, also helped in the constructing of the float. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

# DISCOVERIES

## LEARNING AFTER SCHOOL

Some students just can't get enough of certain classes during school hours. For these dedicated students there were academic clubs available such as the History and Science Clubs. These clubs gave students the chance to further their knowledge about these two subjects.

Eric Powell, the sponsor for the History Club, said, "This year should be good because we have a lot of new members that are enthusiastic about the club." Mel Biscoe was the president of the club and Cathy Adams the vice-president. Treasurer Casey Cooper said, "We do a lot of fun things for the History Club. This year we have cleaned up the cemetery outside the school stadium. We also have a field trip planned to the historic sites downtown."

The Science Club's popularity could partially be due to the interesting field trips they attend each year. The goal of the sponsors, Mike Pratte and Matt Schrader was to make sure that students with an interest in science would have an opportunity to explore new aspects of it. "Our vision for the Science Club this year is to give the student body an organization after school that incorporates fun and learning." This was the main purpose for joining clubs, to have a good time while experiencing new things. *Story by Sara Philpott.*

**It's Simple Physics...** Pointing to the supports on their bridge, Jimmy Barr explains the physics behind the project to Brett Lively. Building the bridge was one of the major projects to test students' knowledge of physics. It allowed the students to work together with friends while learning about science. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



**History** *Front Row:* Edith Bowers, Laura Jane Johnson, Melanie Biscoe, Hannan Nassau, Laura Trigger *Second Row:* Mr. Powell, Joey Katz, Elizabeth Fordham, Cathy Adams, Elizabeth Holland, Sara Wood, Katherine Brennan *Third Row:* Silke Gunther, Camden Walker, Matt Smoot, Adam Peck, Eric Harvey, Miss Masterson *Fourth Row:* Kyle Hood, Nathan Bourne, Joanna Beard, Brad Burruss, Lyn Hassell



**Bridge Workers** Waiting in anticipation, physic students Laura Calloway, Laura Hickman, Mike Zorella, Alex Doyal, and CeCe Cho look on as Mr. Byrne tests the strength of their bridges. Students' bridges were required to hold a certain amount of weight to get full credit. This project provided the students with hands-on experience. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



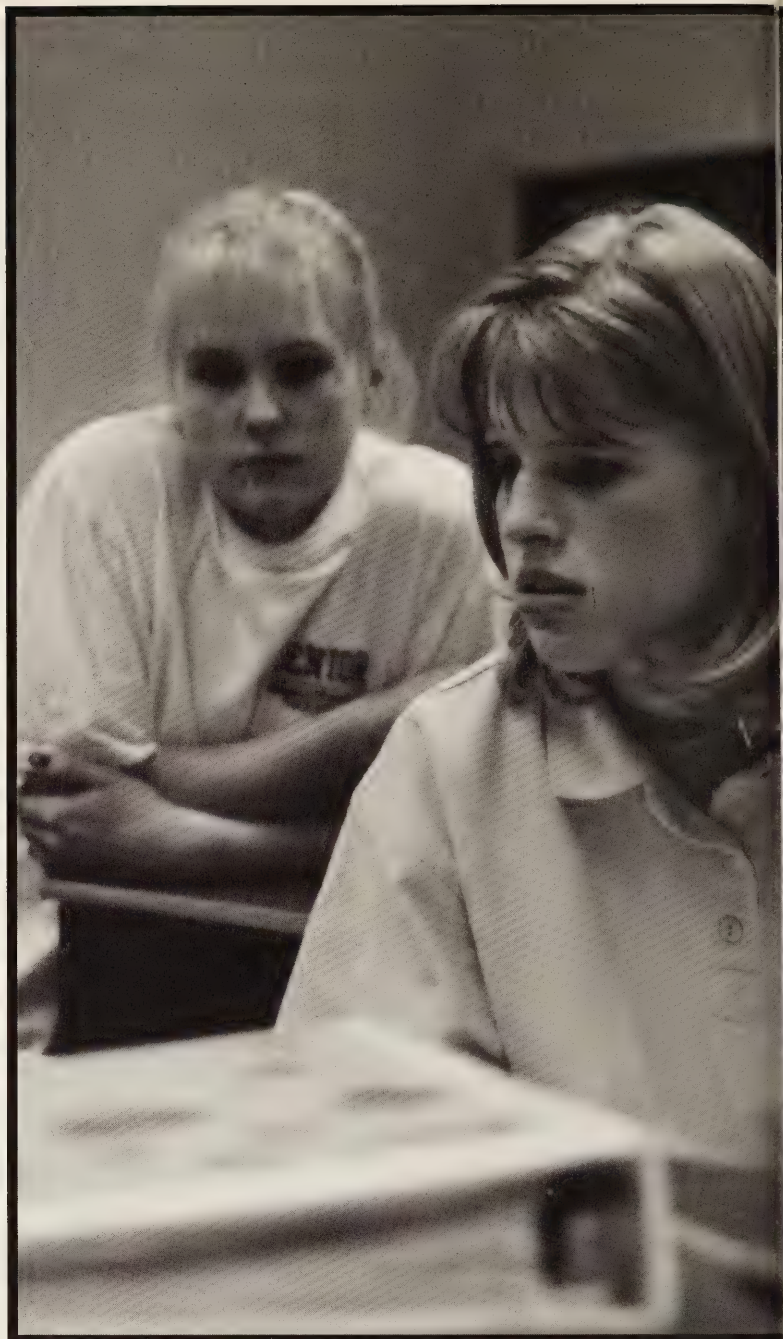
**Relaxing...** Liz Lewis lays back and discusses her opinions with fellow classmates. Liz went on to help a lot of needy people in the community as well as do well in the class. Photo by Rita Botts.



**C.O.E.** *Front Row:* Jeanne Rector, Melissa Pemberton, Michelle Ballard, Kristen Galyen *Second Row:* Stephanie Dickinson, Bonnie Zaiko, Kasie McDaniel, Toni Thompson, Heather Mix, Jamie Hicks, Rhonda Robertson, Brandon Pratt *Third Row:* Jamie Hizer, Jennifer Strawn, Courtney Stribling, Janica Wine, Jennifer Covington, Jason Turco *Fourth Row:* Sean Mullins, Missy Bushey, Jennifer McPartland, Kristen Baker, Duane Hillian, Dustin Goding



**Literary Magazine** *Front Row:* Nathan Compton, Casey Cooper, Elizabeth Staggs *Second Row:* Jenny McGee, Katie East



**S.A.D.D** *Front Row:* Rachel Tarnai, Veronica Pugh, Mary Mc Dougal, Rebecca Graham, Blair Lawrence, Jessica Sleppy *Second Row:* Rhonda Robertson, Heather Henkel, Darren Myers, Laur Crigler, Jennifer Myers, Michelle Dean, Jeff Henkel, Robert Leatterland, Kim Lockett *Third Row:* Shelly Valentine, Joanna Beard, Kristy Bowen, Stephanie Stuller, Priscilla Columbel, Francis Truslow, Allison Dobson *Fourth Row:* Kathy Schneider, Miguel Columbel, Anne Davidson, Erin Shae, Brett Lively, Jonathan Truslow, Jeff Rager



**What To Do??** Jessica Sleppy and Jennifer Weldon try to figure out how to serve the community. The class of Learn and Serve was taken to try and relieve some stress, but the class turned into a hard one. *Photo by Rita Botts.*

**Who? What?...** Kensley Whitler looks on with great confusion as Mrs. Cash discusses the next upcoming Interact event. Kensley was a good asset to the school, helping to raise money, help the community, and bring a smile to those around her. *Photo by Rita Botts.*

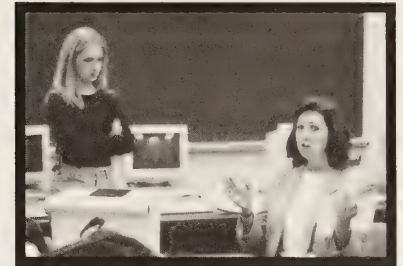
# LENDING A HAND

## COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A GRADE

A new class offered to students, Students Serving Stafford, has been a great success. Rearranging itself from a former extracurricular activity to scholastic credit, it teaches and allows students to interact with the community in need. "I have done work with FAHASS [Fredericksburg Area HIV-AIDS Support Services], volunteered at the hospital, and done extra community things," commented Amy Cascio on what she has done this year. Other class participants act on important committees helping to teach professionals. Jill Strong works on a pregnancy board trying to deal with the issues of teen pregnancy. "It's really fascinating how clueless and ignorant some adults are towards teens and sex; if they didn't have sex, would there be teen pregnancy?" she added about her studies and service.

Another similar group is Interact. This club takes part in allowing the Stafford community to get along. Peer Mediation plays a large part in Interact; here students try to solve student conflict without a physical fight. Liz Braun, a member for many years, commented, "It is nice and comforting to help out people with their conflicts; also I feel better knowing I am not going to run into a fight in the hallway!"

The use of community service and just helping others out reflects a lot on teens who are often seen as self-centered and uninterested. These students help to make the county, people, and school a better place, as well as better educated about our student life. *Story by Andi Bordick*



**Brainstorm...** Alok Gulati, David Kitchens, and Kristy Carter think hard for ideas. Creative ideas and support from these students helped to run the Interact Club, and to get the Stafford community involved. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



**Interact** *Front Row:* Kensley Whitler, Coleman Tyson, Ramon Renault, Christine Barber, Angela Miller, Michelle Dean *Second Row:* Michelle Dudash, Kathy Brooks, Katie Jacoby, Allison Derr, Imee Dudash, Emily Driver, Eduardo Leon *Third Row:* Stephon Wolfe, Jennifer McPartland, Katie Ugler, Rachel Jarnecke, Joelle Denning, Christy Carter, Lisa Schreiber



**Battle of the Brains** *Front Row:* Kate Nuckols, Joey Catz, Jamie Thompson *Second Row:* Paul Bogardus, Anne Davidson, Jennifer McPartland, Mrs. Valente



# FRENCH AND LATIN CLUBS

**And Now... The French Club** Carrying the French Club sign, Tiffany Hite and Anousheh Khalili lead the way. Clubs spent many long hours working on their floats.

*Photo by Mark Hughes.*

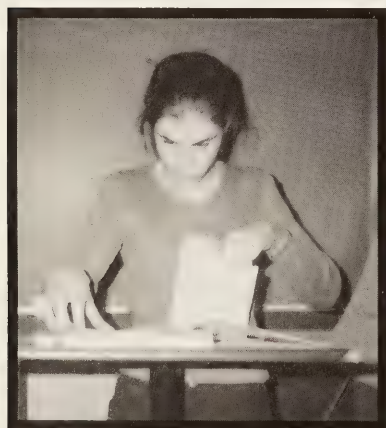


## STUDENTS ENJOYED MANY ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THEIR FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

The 1997-98 school year was a big year for the French Club. They had many activities going on throughout the entire year. "We embarrass people on Valentine's Day with flowers and grams, bring needy children gifts for Christmas, and in the spring we plant a tree here at the school," said French Club member Katie Carter.

As for the Latin club, their main event is the Roman Banquet in spring. "We get to sit around and eat food in togas," said Christian Hilchey. Aimee Dudash added, "Yeah, and we're going to do a play... I think."

Whether they participated or not, the members of the French and Latin Clubs always enjoyed the festivities when they arose. "Besides," begins Katie Staab, "clubs look good on college applications." *Story by Nicole Brors.*



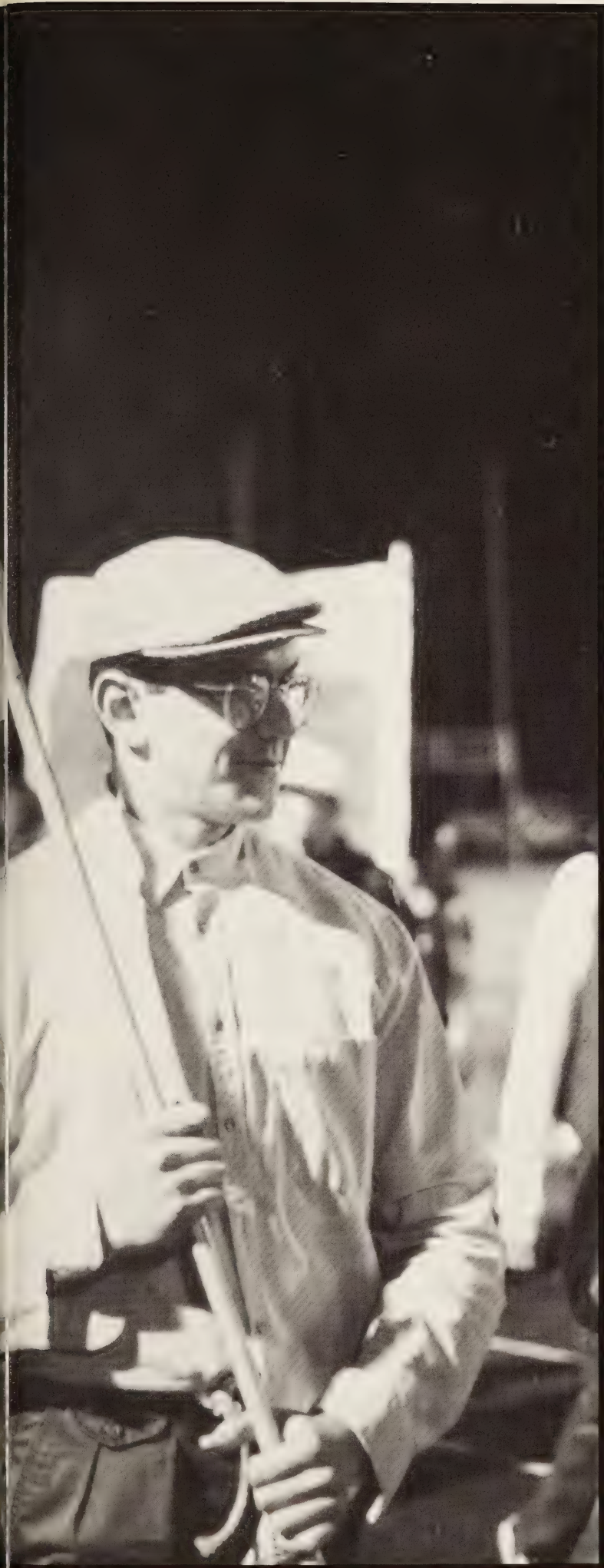
**Dues are Paid** Checking funds, Katherine Kimbrell works on the French Clubs Fundraising Account. The officers had the duty of keeping everything straight.

*Photo by Aaron Austin.*



**French Party!** Gathering around the food, Melissa Peretich, Diana King, Katie Scaife, Jamie Thompson and others meet for French Club. Food was often a good way to get people to come to club meetings. *Photo by Aaron Austin.*





**French** *Front Row:* Anousheh Khalili, Katie Carter, Laura Jane Johnson, Jamie Thompson, Mrs. Dameron (Meme) *Second Row:* Valerie Redding, Ashley Brooks, Robyn Beverly, Julia Davezac, Allison Fuller, Mireille Kuchinski *Third Row:* Brad Saylor, Veronica Pugh, Alice Ferguson, Rebekah Graham, Sarah Jones, Allison Dobson, Angie Cline, Melissa Peritich, Sara Cline, Melanie Allen *Fourth Row:* Stephan Wolfe, Constantine Langa, Tommy Wilson, Meghan Wilson, Kate Godfrey, Kevin Lauder, Sarah Elmore, A.J. Jarnecke



**Latin Club** *Front Row:* Scott Whitestone, Aimee Dudash, Edith Bowers, Diana Price, Brianna Bevan, Theresa Arnold. *Second Row:* Katie Scaife, Melissa Hughes, Dacia Goldman, Jean Cornwell, Michelle Ulrich, Amanda Zawora, Christy Dobel, Katie Staab, Heather McNulty. *Third Row:* Karen McGillicuddy, Amanda Sparks, Katie Roberts, Erica Vos, Lisa Thomas, Sarah Stamps, D. D. Bevan, Kerry McKinnon, Beth Johnson, Nicole Zwileneff. *Fourth Row:* Emily Crabtree, Marcus Watlington, Justin Sterne, Elizabeth Campbell, Matt Donaldson, Emily Gilmore, Carlee Brueser.

**Holding the Flag** Marching on Homecoming night, Constantine Langa carries the flag for the French Club. That night many had to march around the track though it was quite cold. It is a tradition for clubs to work on floats for that exciting night. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



# SPANISH & GERMAN CLUBS

**Can you repeat that?**  
Trying to understand the requests of the students, Mrs. McClung stares unwaveringly. Mrs. McClung was the sponsor of the Spanish Club and loved doing it because her students not only learned, but had fun doing it. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*

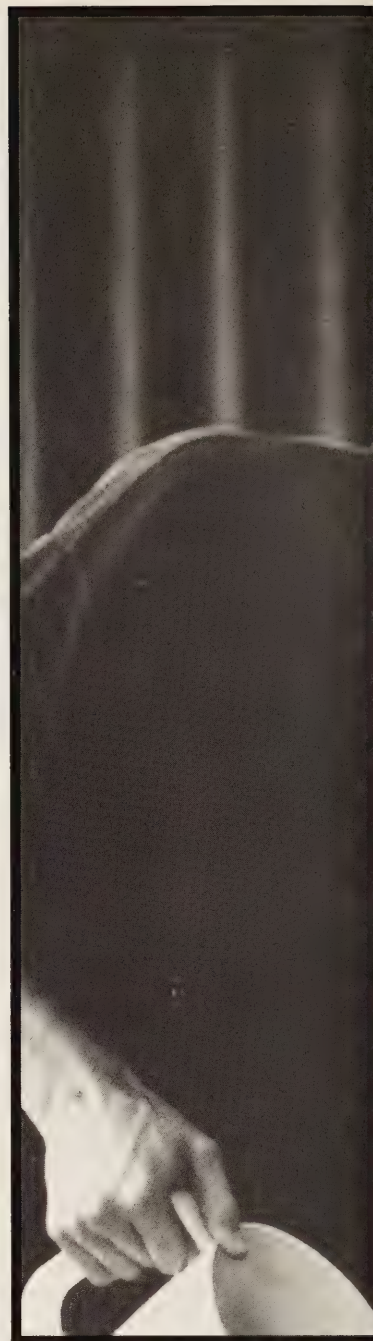


Have you ever been sitting in your Spanish or German class and wonder where the language originated and the different cultures it comes from? Well, all you have to do to find out is join the Spanish or German Club.

"Being a part of the club is fun, because you can learn and party at the same time," said Alex Doyal. This is just one of many students that have had fun taking trips to Carlos O' Kelly's and making paper mache pinatas. These are not the only activities the club participates in. The Spanish club is also involved in service projects. Once a year in December kids go to the homeless shelter and throw the kids there a party. The sponsor, Mrs. McClung, commented, "I enjoy meeting with the kids in an environment other than the classroom, and letting them meet other kids and students who share similar interests."

The German Club is another great club that is involved with the school and community. German was a difficult language, but students liked the challenge. "I had a lot of trouble with the language at first, but it turned out to be fun. Being a part of the German Club is a great experience to learn the history and background of German," said Laura Calloway.

Next time you sit in your language class and have a question about a language or where it came from, all you have to do is join the fun and excitement with the Spanish and German Clubs. *Story by Amy Cooper*

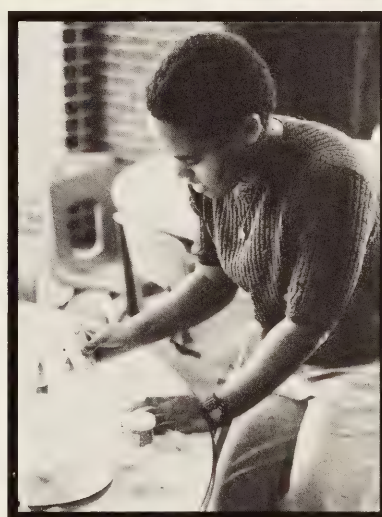
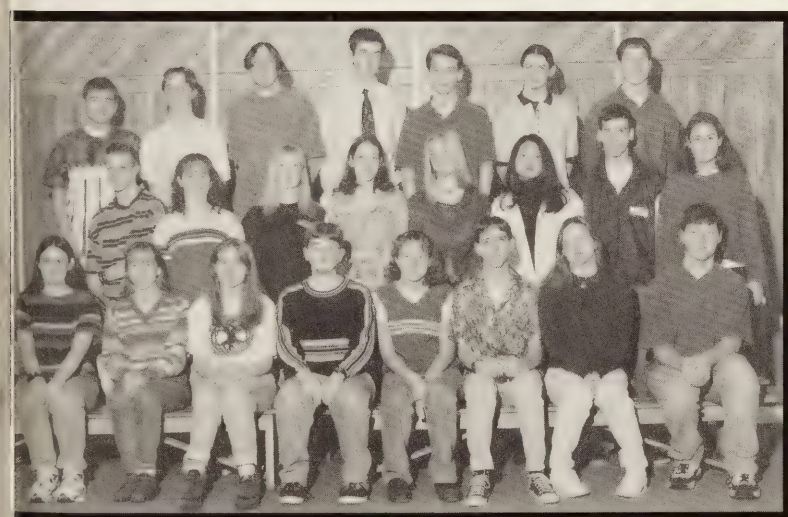
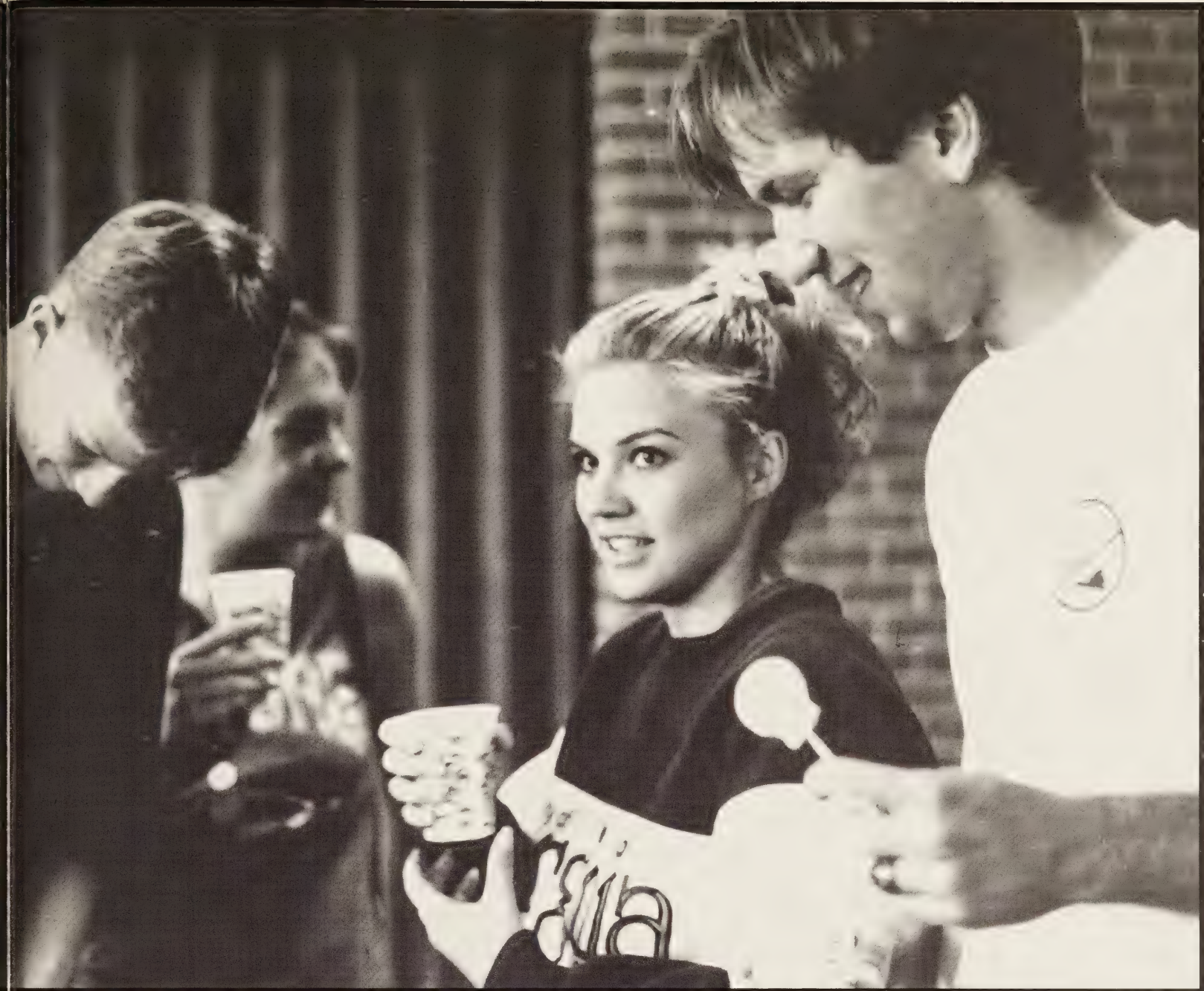


**Spanish (Seniors & Juniors)** *Front Row:* Courtney Blake, Brian Pitts, Melissa Reedy, Chelsea Wickline, Renee Griffin, Melissa Cartagena, Kristin Dietz, Kate Nuckols, Miguel Columbel, Mike Doremus, Rachel Maloney *Second Row:* John Paine, Eric Buchannon, Jenny Witter, Whitney Eck, Danny Pyle, Alex Doyal, Diedra Mullins, Meghan Randall, Mickleia Robinson, Meagan Thomas, Abby Zawora, Carlee Reniger, Shannon Barnes, Katherine Brennan, Kate Russell *Third Row:* Darren Myers, Scott Ramsburg, Frances Truslow, Brian Miller, Sarah McPherson, Andi Bordick, Katie Jacoby, Kim Murphy, Christie Cleaver, Laura Hickman, Sarah Leimer, Carrie Covert, Kristy Carter, Audra Mullankamp, Amy Butler, Dustin Rollins, Mike McCalla, Patty Hurlock, Jennifer Wiley, Amy Mann *Fourth Row:* Kyle Hood, Jason Spindle, Scott Dye, Rita Stevens, Tim Griffith, Justin Sterne, Ryan Gorman, Chris Bowman, Lindsay Coker, Kristi Dixon, Alden Hingle



**Spanish (Sophomores & Freshmen)** *Front Row:* Mercera Payne, Christy Walker, Sara Bailey, Ashley Roberson, Mollee Anzivino, Ashleigh Covington, Leslie Wall, Melissa Love, Kristina Palmer, Elizabeth Peterkin, Nicole VanScoder, Maria Hingle, Dennis Catrett, Joe Roysten *Second Row:* Daphne Cashion, Meghan Hewitt, Lauren Kirby, Blair Lawrence, Sara Edwards, Heather Gall, Lindsey Diebold, Amber Carpenter, Shaun Austin, Ashley Dameron, David Janney, Lisa Maloney, Ryan Fines, Joel Brunk, Bonnie Ludlow, Krista Eck, Nathan White, Steven Love *Third Row:* Christy Marlins, Andy Collins, Lynn Johnson, Joyce Garland, Andrea Varga, Jessica Lee, Maranda George, Megan Taylor, Meghan Grigsby, Rachal Tarnai, Michelle Jacobs, Mike Danzi, Emily Spindler, Jessica Nimmo, Chris Hartford, Susan Walker *Fourth Row:* Bret Curtis, Blair Parsons, Ken Raymond, Kevin Cogley, Brian Fuller, Nancy Kelminski, Reggie Gentry, Steven Dodd, Matt Catalano, Josh Thompson, David Payne, Robert Orange, Desi Orwat, Samantha Gentner, Carrie Loving, Jeff Newton, Robert Heatherland, Chris Ellington





**Chow Down** Grabbing a bite to eat, Alex Doyal, Kim Cooper, and Justin Sterne chow down. Part of the fun and excitement in the Spanish Club was getting all the good food. Photo by Jeremy Conrad.

**Decorating Delight** Being very careful, Rachel Malony decorates a cake. Students not only learned a great deal of knowledge in the Spanish Club, but they also got to display their unusual talents. Photo by Jeremy Conrad.

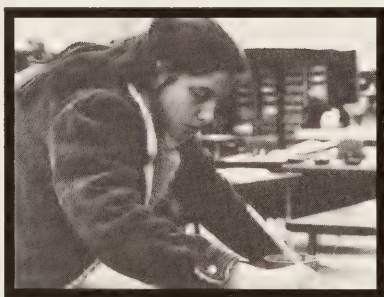
**German Front Row:** Julie Brown, Jessica Player, Melanie Biscoe, Joey Katz, Allison Derr, Willie McGhee, Samantha Hopkins, Aaron Russell. **Second Row:** Justin Hall, Jennifer Swansburg, Amber Flippo, Joelle Denning, Jenn Stockdill, Elizabeth Cho, Matt Slaydon. **Third Row:** Josh Butchyard, Erik Harvey, Andrew Mondak, Jay Underwood, Dakin Sharum, Hunter Matheson, Nathan Catalano.



**Passing the Word** National Honor Society was targeted at students who excelled academically. Membership required maintaining a 3.5 to 3.7 GPA and a strong interest in the school. Officer Melanie Allen tells Christie Cleaver about an upcoming project of NHS. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*



**Truly Honored** Mr. John Kennedy Agnew thanks Emily Godfrey, Sarah Danzi and Adam Dowling at an Honor Society meeting. Mr. Agnew was voted "Teacher of the Semester" by the National Honor Society students. Being inducted into the National Honor Society not only looked great on college applications, but it was a very special honor for students. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*

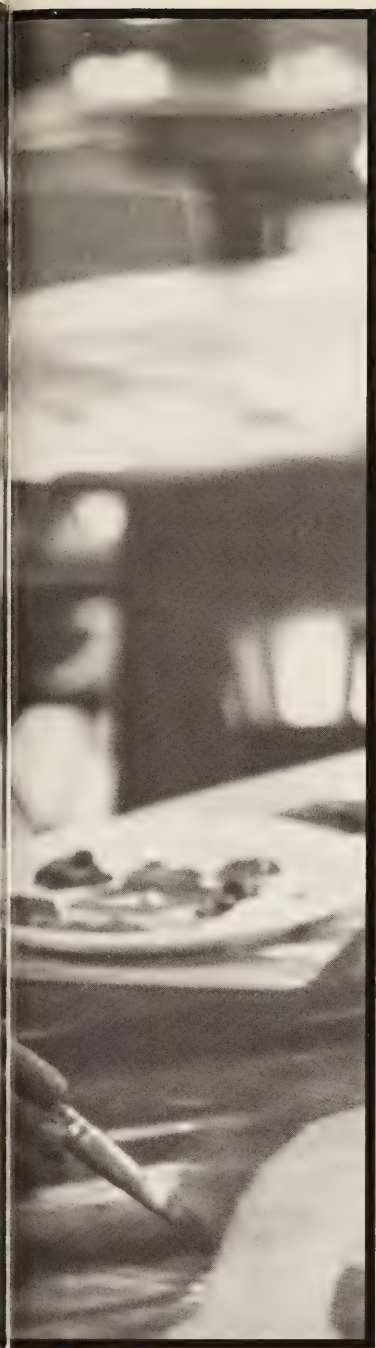


**Work of Art** Rita Botts uses time during a club meeting to finish up an independent project. In only its second year at SHS, the National Art Honor Society attracted many aspiring artists to the club. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**N.A.H.S** *Front Row:* Anousheh Khalili, Carin Stoelker, Mary Smart, Sara Philpott, Rachel Maloney, Amy Mann, Melanie Biscoe, Katie Staab, Paul Neumann *Second Row:* Shirley Barnes, Liz Kravetz, Jenn Stockdill, Elizabeth Cho, D.D. Bevan, Amber Flipppo, Jean Fox *Third Row:* Rita Botts, Tommy Wilson, Michael Hodge, Ryan Gorman, Chris Bunn, Jeremy Conrad, Hunter Matheson





**Picture Perfect** The NAHS allowed students interested in pursuing art to spend more time in the art department. Jeremy Conrad, a NAHS member, works on a painting of a live model. NAHS was an important part of many art students' time at SHS. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.*

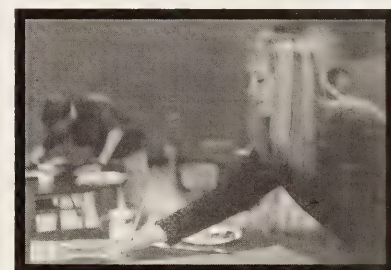
# WHAT AN HONOR

## NHS AND NAHS

The National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society provided great opportunities for students. The programs were targeted to students who were strong academically or artistically and academically inclined. The NHS required that underclassmen maintain a 3.7 grade point average and seniors were required to keep up a 3.5 grade point average. Aside from keeping their grades intact, they also took part in many activities and helped other students. "NHS is great for people who want to go to college 'cause you have to maintain good grades and it looks great on your record," said Bonnie Combs. One of the most beneficial activities was the tutoring they offered to other students throughout the year. NHS members offered to stay after to help other students who were having difficulties in a certain class or classes. This was one of many programs they offered.

Rita Botts is a member of the National Art Honor Society, or NAHS. "It's only our second year. So far we've been doing a lot for the drama department; we've completed two backdrops for them and we also displayed artwork in the lobby during the play performances. Our main goal is to get art displayed in the community. We want people to see the kind of art high school students are doing, not just people within in the school, but people outside the school as well," commented Rita. NAHS focuses on strong art students with an extensive interest in art or an intention of pursuing art in the future. It was a good chance to be involved with art even outside of the art classes. *Story By Kristin Dietz.*

**A Masterpiece** Students in the National Art Honor Society released their feelings, frustrations and stress through their art work, creating great works in the process. Amber Flippo is content as she pulls together a long-term art project. *Photo by Mary Curtis Smart*



**NHS (Seniors)** *Front Row:* Laura Hickman, Edith Taylor, Brendan Ahearn, Kat Kimbrell, Laura Johnson, Scott Ramsburg, Erin Kerby, Melanie Hill, Kate Nuckols, Brian Parks, Rebecca Ashburn. *Second Row:* Emily Godfrey, Renee Griffin, Michael Crosnicker, Darla Stevens, Sarah Hilpott, Alex Doyal, Deidra Mullins, Kristina Gates, Melanie Allen, Jamie Thompson, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Danzi, Missy Bushey, Lisa Schreiber, Dakin Sharum, Kurt Chewning. *Third Row:* Ryan Barnum, Amber Spicer, Melissa Reedy, Morgan Baker, Amy Spitler, Katie Roberts, Amanda Parks, Liz Kravetz, D.D. Bevan, Elizabeth Cho, Darren Myers, Jeremy Conrad, Emily Gilmore, Travis Bradshaw, Matt Donaldson, Adam Dowling. *Fourth Row:* Ryan Gorman, Katie Jacoby, Kim Murphy, Christie Cleaver, Rita Stevens, Amy Butler, Rita Botts, Elizabeth Campbell, Chris Kraus, Justin Sterne, Chris Bunn, Hunter Matheson

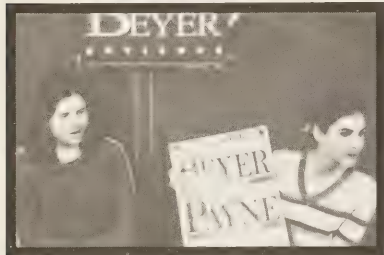


**NHS (Juniors)** *Front Row:* Joey Katz, Melanie Biscoe, Katie Scaife, Bonnie Combs, Kate Russell, Genny Rankin, Heather Bennett, Elizabeth Holland, Rachel Maloney, Edith Bowers, Jennifer Wiley. *Second Row:* Courtney Stribling, Jennifer McPartland, Kristy Carter, Allison Derr, Aimee Dudash, Jenn Stockdill, Laura Crigler, Carl Cabaniss, Darren Meyer, Kevin Good, Shawn McSpadden. *Third Row:* Kyle Hood, Adam Mason, Tommy Wilson, Carrie Fredette, Adam Cwiak, Brett Lively, Kevin Ouelette, Joseph Cozzatti, Camden Walker.



**Vote for Beyer** As election week got into full swing the members of the Young Democrats really got geared up. Senior members of the club, Sarah Danzi and Katherine Kimbrell, show their support for their candidate. Though they both made a great effort their candidate Don Beyer lost in his race for governor to Jim Gilmore.

*Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Two for Gilmore** Mark Nisley and Katie Jacoby look on while their picture is snapped. Being at rallies and just showing a general support for a political party played a very big part during the year for the political clubs. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Young Democrats:** *First Row:* Jacob Walther, Katie Rogers, Katherine Kimbrell, Jamie Thompson, Laura Jane Johnson, Joey Katz *Second Row:* D.D. Bevan, Michael Hodge, Liz Kravetz, Laurie Ripper, Justin Sterne, Emily Gilmore, Amber Flippo *Third Row:* Janet Douberly, Patty Conner, Morgan Baker, Ryan Gorman, Brett Lively, Emily Godfrey, Sarah Danzi



**Young Republicans** *Front Row:* Ben Robinson, Coleman Tyson, Todd Coates *Second Row:* Amy Cooper, Melissa Reedy, Rita Stevens, Erica Havasy, Nathan Havasy, Adam Dowling, Michael Crosnicker *Third Row:* Kerry McKinnon, Emily Dursa, Christie Cleaver, Kim Murphy, J.T. Truslow, Aaron Harwell, Robert Doyle *Fourth Row:* Kurt Chewning, Brent Dooley, Christian Lincoln, Matt Dursa, Will Kiener, Garrett Green, Andy Rowden



**Election Time!** As the preparations for the election began, the Young Democrats began to gather all the groupies around for the float competition. Ryan Gorman, Joey Katz, and Emily Godfrey share in one of the big moments for the Young Democrats, the float competition. Homecoming was a great way for all the members to get together and spend a little time bonding over those exciting political issues. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

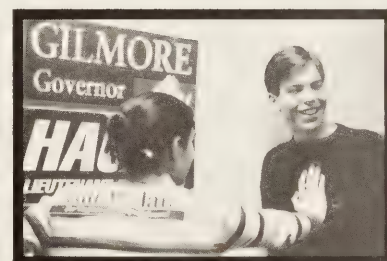
# POLITICS

## STUDENT LEADERS GET SET FOR ANOTHER YEAR

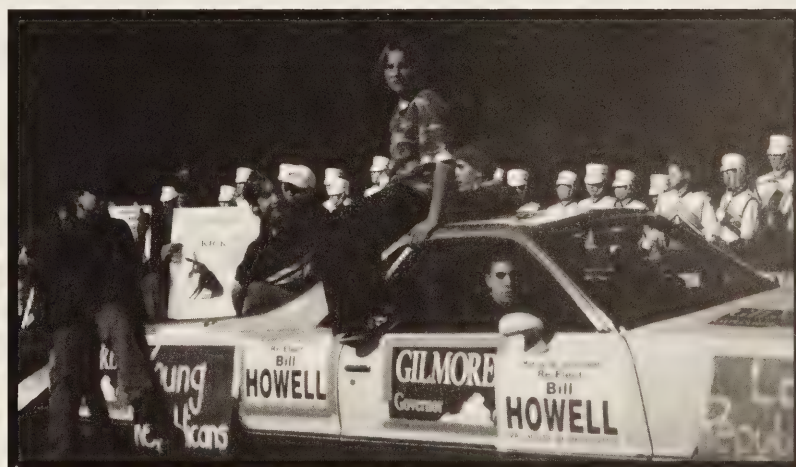
The year started off with a bang for the SCA of SHS. Our student council representatives attended a camp over the summer to catch up on the latest and greatest techniques of the SCA. They began the school year with a skit for the upcoming freshmen. This turned out to be a controversial performance that was much liked by the students but frowned upon by some staff members. The representatives were involved in activities like planning homecoming, working with the Salvation Army by ringing the bell to raise funds for needy families at Safeway, buying presents for needy families, and other similar activities. President Matt Donaldson said, "It's really fun being involved with so much and being able to have some influence on what goes on." Also, the vice president of the SCA Lisa Mendoza added, "I'm always having such a good time with what we are doing that the stress of everything doesn't really bother me."

The republicans and democrats of Stafford were constantly in action. All the students work hard to support their party and fulfill their political ethics. Members participated in activities such as rallies and showed a general support for the party. In case you were wondering why it seemed like these two clubs went through times when they weren't doing anything it was because they were inactive. At the end of the semester Katherine Kimbrell, a democratic supporter, said, "We participate in activities all throughout the year; we make a float for the homecoming game, participate in rallies, and just try to give as much support as possible to the other supporters in the area. Right now we are kind of inactive because there is no election to prepare for." Many students also joined up with the opposing republicans to support in similar activities. A member of the republican club, Todd Coates said, "Right now we really aren't doing anything; we are trying to get some events set up for the members to get their points and qualify for the field trip." The democrats also had field trips scheduled for later on in the year. *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

**Some Political Competition?** For some students at SHS being in the club was a serious matter; for others it was an easy way to get a field trip. As Katherine Kimbrell fights for the spotlight, senior Mike Crosnicker just stands back and laughs. As serious as politics can be, everyone eventually could find a way to laugh a little about all the goings on. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**C.A. Officers** *Front Row:* Lisa Mendoza - Vice President, Kate Russell - Parliamentarian, Justin Dietz - Reporter *Second Row:* Katie Jacoby - Treasurer, Matt Donaldson - President, Kristi Con - Secretary



**The Republican Float** Making their way around the track in yet another competition for the Republicans and Democrats (this didn't make national headlines) the Young Republicans move on. Mark Nisley sits and takes in the view around the track as cameras flash and the football fans scream. Everyone enjoyed all the great floats that the different clubs entered. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*



# HELPING OUT

## HELPING THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

The Key Club and Junior Civitans were not only some of the most popular clubs, but they were some of the busiest clubs. Both the Key Club and the Junior Civitans helped the community. "We did everything this year," exclaimed Key Club member Kate Godfrey. Perhaps Kate was talking about many of the things the club participated in this year including selling lollipops, writing to the elementary school kids, or working concessions at the basketball games. "It was a blast! I'm definitely doing this again next year," said Kyle Hood. "It's a great way to meet friends and help out the community," proclaimed Leslie Wall. During the holiday season the Key Club donated toys to the Hope House and held a Christmas dinner for the Head Start children. Both clubs this year were very active in helping the community and in serving the less fortunate. *Story by Oliver Goldman.*

**Sweet Tooth** Melanie Allen uses her super strength to open a bag of candy. Many bags of candy were sacrificed to help liven up activities during the year. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

**Junior Civitans** *Front Row:* Scott Whitestone, Ben Robinson, Jeanne Rector *Second Row:* Samantha Dickinson, Michelle Surles, Jennifer Rector, Amiee Potter *Third Row:* Stephanie Skeen, Sean Mullins, Jennifer Phelps



**Key Club (Seniors)** *Front Row:* Casey Cooper, Emily Godfrey, Cecilia Cho, Renee Griffin, Brendan Ahearn, Kim Murphy, Katie Roberts, Rebecca Washburn, Abby Zawora, Francis Truslow, Sarah Danzi, Edith Taylor, Kensley Whitler *Second Row:* Melanie Hill, Beth McDonald, Sara Jones, Kerry McKinnon, Christina Bradman, Sara Philpott, Erika Havasy, Darla Stevens, Aaron Austin, Melissa White, Heather McNulty, Angie Cline, Amy Cooper, Allison Shepard, Ashley Sisson, Erin Kerby *Third Row:* Tim Nimmo, Rodney Newton, Erin Shay, Crystal Carper, Lindsay Coker, Kristi Dixon, Jason Bast, Jessye Cooley, Lin Thomas, Melanie Allen, Amber Spicer, Dacia Goldman, Amy Cascio, Jessica Thomas, Terry Carmichael *Fourth row:* Ryan Gorman, Amy Butler, Katie Jacoby, Lisa Schreiber, Adam Dowling, Frank Trivett Jr., Matt Korniotes, Michael Crosnicker, Jenny Smith, Elizabeth Cho, Rita Stevens, Katie Kolakowski, Jonathan Catalano *Fifth Row:* Malcolm Waddy, Matt Dursa, Justin Sterne, Alex Doyal, Jonathan Truslow, Kurt Chewning, Mrs. Sue Gill, Matt Donaldson, Chad Martin, Chris Kraus, Elizabeth Campbell, Coleman Tyson, Sean Farmer

**Key Club (Juniors)** *Front Row:* Edith Bowers, Bonnie Zaiko, Rachel Maloney, Jennifer Wiley, Kim Anderson, Erica Schuplin, Melissa Blotner, Crystal Tussing, Lisa Mendoza, Katie Staa Patti Hurlock *Second Row:* Valerie Danielson, Laura Crigler, Melissa Rose, Patty Conner, Willie McGhee, Katie Kugler, Joelle Denning, Kyle Hood, Crissy Banks, Mike Doramus, Jason Spindle, Katie Rogers *Third Row:* Elizabeth Fordham, Scott Dye, Nathan Compton, Nathan Havasy, Tommy Wilson, Darren Meyer, Bradley Richmond, Jenny Witter, Liz Lewis, Valerie Thompson, Whitney Eck, Courtney Berry, Camden Walker, Tina Stanley *Fourth Row:* Carrie Fredette, John Payne, Alok Gulati, Brett Lively, Adam Cwiak, Alden Hingle, Josh Chamberlin, Paul Deal, Michael Brown





**Tip-toe Through the Tulips...** Ahh, spring flowers, fresh earth, or is that just Mrs. Gill pulling a weed? The Key Club was seen around the school throughout the year helping to beautify the area. Photo by Liz Kravetz.

**Ho-Hum...** Sara Danzi is hard at work while she helps to organize the items for the Hope House. The Key Club once again organized many gifts for the Hope House this year. Photo by Liz Kravetz.



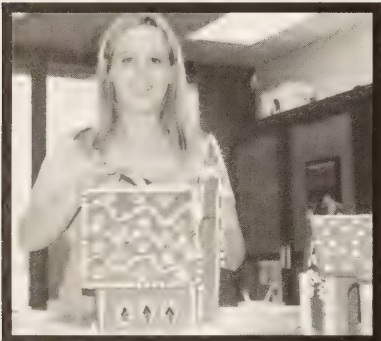
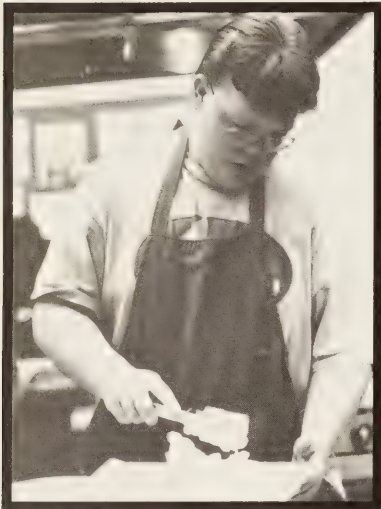
**Key Club (Sophomores)** *Front Row:* Megan Hewitt, Lisa Thomas, Austa Kuchinski, Julia Davezac, Christy Doebel, Sara Stamps, Heather Gallo, Jessica Lee, Liz Grigg, Melissa Peretich, Amanda Zawora *Second Row:* Anne Nuney, Heather Demko, Meagan Grigsby, Aaron Bolthouse, Jay Blevins, Rachel Tarnai, Lindsay Diebold, Michelle Jacobs, Amber Carpenter, April Martinez, Eric Dowling, Peter Oakman, Kevin Roberts, Sarah Elmore *Third Row:* Kim Lockett, Samantha Hopkins, Amy Bogardus, Ashley Ludlow, Sara Cline, Wendi O'Brien, Andrea Varga, Sara Edwards, Dianna Young, Jessica Player, Erin Wood, Stephanie Heffernan *Fourth Row:* Robert Leatterhand, Carlee Brueser, Kathy Schneider, Juel Gadd, Danielle Ammens, Allison Fuller, Valerie Rodriguez, Katie Franke, Kristin Ripley, Craig Hamilton, M.J. Moyars, Kyle Boutchyard, Brandi Laudermand *Fifth Row:* Kevin Cogley, Erin Hughes, Matt Catalano, Desi Orwat, Brandy Sharp, Jennifer Yednock, Elizabeth Perkin, Lindsay Hession, Lacy Detwiler, Kristen Johnson, Megan Wilson, Kate Godfrey, Cory Norbutus, Oliver Goldman, Jeff Cooper, Josh Thompson



**Key Club (Freshmen)** *Front Row:* Melissa Love, Leslie Wall, Michelle Ulrich, Ashley Dameron, David Janey, Shawn Austin, Annie Strickler, Lorie Watts, Kelsy Adkison, Bonnie Ludlow, Maria Hingle *Second Row:* Meagan Snellings, Mark Crosnicker, Rebecca Graham, Joanne Yednock, Katie Rodriguez, Dea Cordaro, Hanan Nassau, Robyn Good *Third Row:* Danelle Blosser, Sara Bailey, Catherine Thompson, David Payne, Ian Campbell, Kevin Lauder, Mary McDougal, Veronica Pugh, Mr. Roeske



**Serving It Up** Patiently weighing out great ingredients for a great meal, Dennis Toombs puts the finishing touches on his masterpiece. Part of being able to cook anything at all was being able to measure everything out and mix it together. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**Major Renovation** Smiling and adding the last few pieces to her gingerbread house, Kasie McDaniels laughs and takes one last look at her creation. There were many projects for her class during the year. One of them was making the gingerbread houses during Christmas time. *Photo by Derek Fults.*

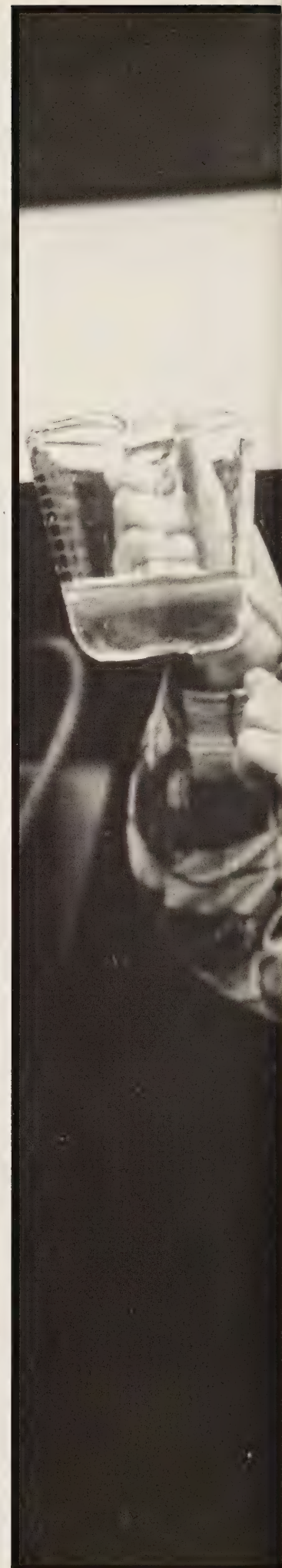
**1, 2, 3, ...** After a few minutes of this, Jason Rogers understands why math is so important to everyone in high school. Jason spent all period doing this little routine; much responsibility was required to do well in all of these classes. Many students participated in groups like HERO and HOSA to further enhance their skills. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

# WHAT'CHA GOT COOKIN'

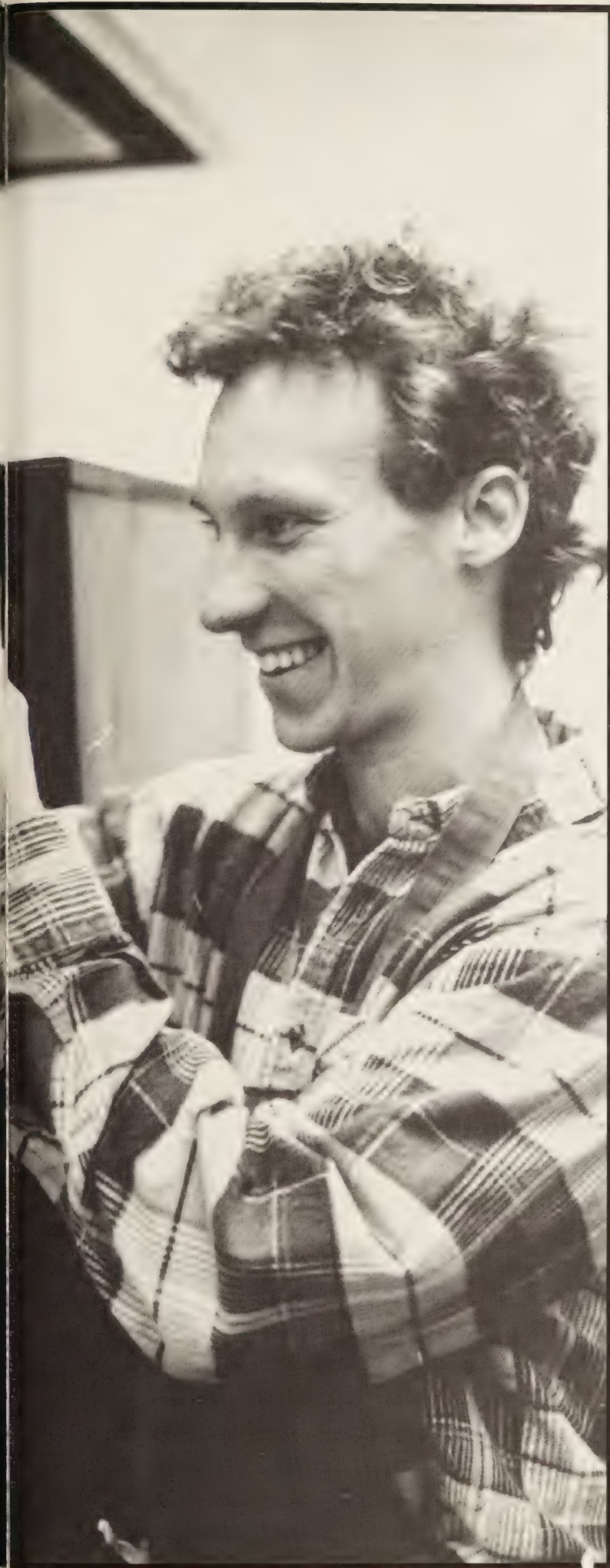
## HELPING OUT AROUND THE HOME AND SOCIETY

Everyone around school knew that there were clubs, but not everyone knew what all the clubs did. All through the year students are friends with people in these clubs and hear about the clubs without knowing what they stand for or what they do. One of these clubs is FHA which stands for Future Homemakers of America. During the year FHA participated in many different activities like fund-raisers, competitions, and gathering goods for the needy. Patricia Gibson explained, "We have lots of different things that we do throughout the year. We have fund-raisers and competitions and all kinds of other stuff."

HERO and HOSA are two branches of the FHA that students are able to join. HERO stands for Home Economics Related Occupations. HOSA stands for Health Occupation Student Association. Both of these clubs are led by a sponsor Pat Allen, and work to prepare students for the future. These clubs have competitions at the local, state and national level. All the members get psyched to show off their skills and gain recognition. *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*







**Measured to Perfection** For some, day after day of the same old thing might get boring, yet that was not the case for Jason Dengler who was just happy to be able to help out and get some work done. A major part of the class was being able to measure everything correctly without wasting any of the ingredients. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*



**The Kitchen Crew** Sometimes the thing needed most in the kitchen is many people, so Shari Holmes and Patric Johnson both work together to get all the jobs done. Many hands make light work, and that was proven to be true by the members of HOSA, HERO, and FHA on many occasions. *Photo by Derek Fults.*

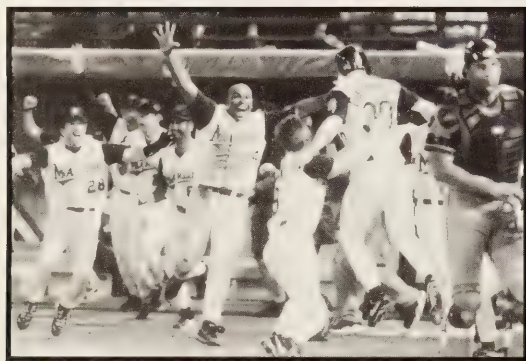
**FHA/ HERO** *Front Row:* James Locklear, Aimee Potter, Patricia Gibson *Second Row:* Kasie McDaniels, Jessica Irvin



**HOSA** *Front Row:* Brandon Miller, Hillary Butler, Kristina Gates, Marie Lyddane, Jennifer Sullivan, Stephanie Powers, Rebecca Burlan *Second Row:* Clara Slamon, Heather Henkel, Emily Crabtree, Tracey White, Joyce Garland, Crystal Tussing, Candice Yingling



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The Florida Marlins became major league baseball's world champions in 1997, beating the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. Just five years ago, the Marlins tied the Indians in the ninth inning of the seventh game and went on to win it all in the eleventh inning with a score of 3-2. The Indians last won the Series in 1948.

The WNBA —Women's National Basketball Association— completed its inaugural season with the Houston Comets defeating the New York Liberty for the championship. And as the season came to a close, the WNBA announced that the eight-team league would grow to 10 teams in 1998. If it all works out, the Comets will jump to the Western Conference with Los Angeles, Phoenix, Sacramento, and Utah. The new teams, Detroit, and Washington D.C., will join the East with Charlotte, Cleveland, and New York.





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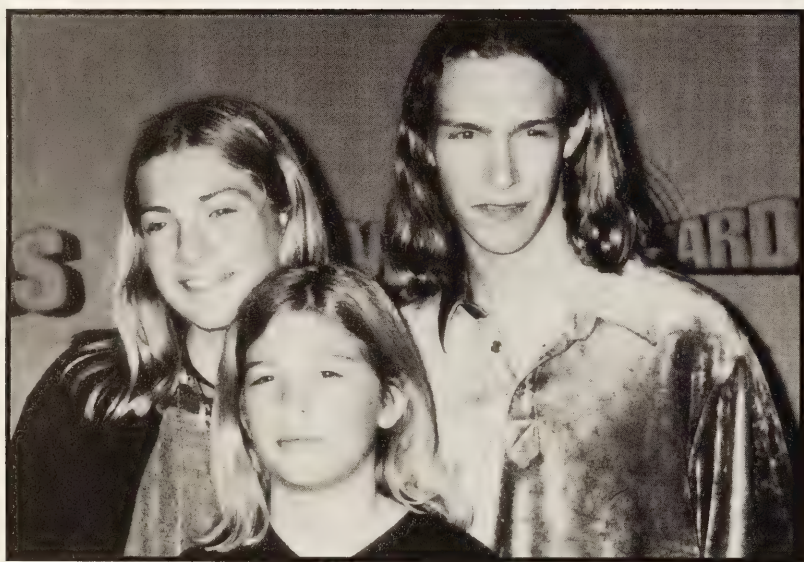
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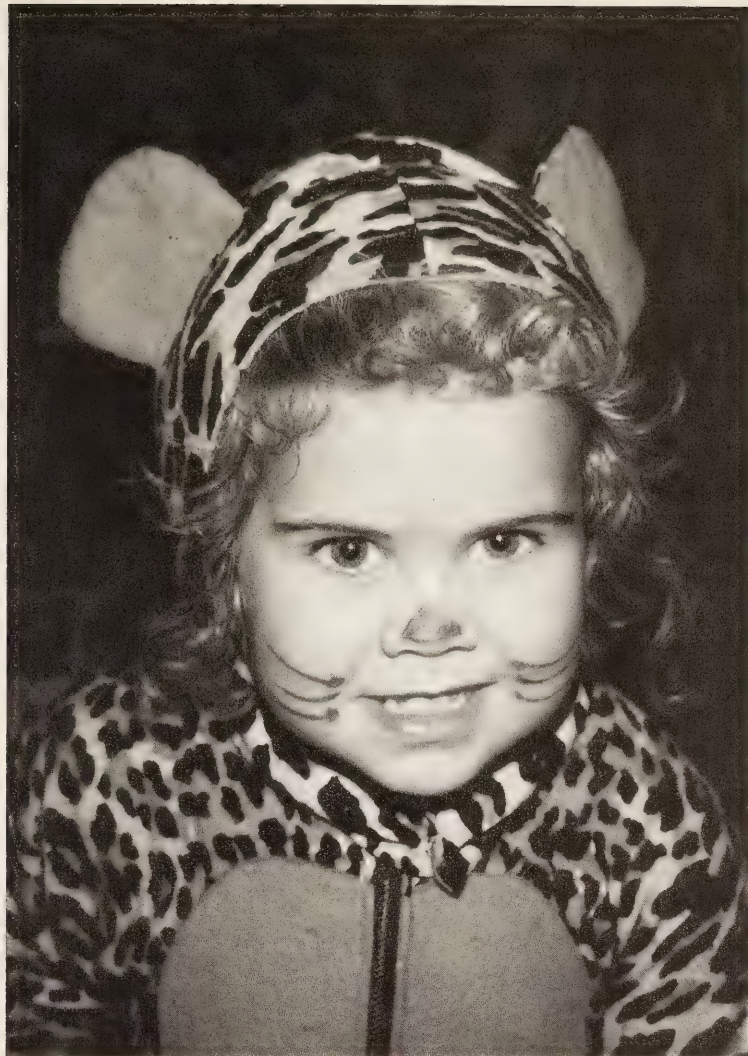


How did a trio of adolescent boys from America's heartland manage to hit stardom in the music world? By being young, cute, blond and happy, the brothers Hanson became the newest kids on the pop charts. The band's infectious single "MMMBop" and their album "Middle of Nowhere" flooded the airwaves around the world. Issac (16), Taylor (14), and Zac (11), grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. But success didn't come overnight. The youngsters dealt with their share of rejection slips before they were discovered in 1996 at the Kansas State Fair.

The Verve Pipe is an incredible rock/pop/alternative band from East Lansing, Michigan. Their first single, "Photograph," received a lot of air time and became a fairly big hit. But its success cannot be compared to their latest single, "The FreshmEn." That song enjoyed time at Number One on the Billboard chart. The rest of the album, "Villains," contains an incredible mix of sounds. The Verve Pipe carved their own niche in the music world.







## *To Laura Calloway and the Senior Class of 1998*

When you were born, you cried  
and the world rejoiced...

Live your life so that when you  
die, the world cries and you  
rejoice!

-- Cherokee Saying

*Love and Best Wishes --  
Mom, Steve & Britt*



Despite comparisons with earlier groups like Menudo and New Kids on the Block, the Spice Girls have jumped into superstardom, grabbing the adoration that comes with overnight worldwide fame. With only one album to their credit, the five young women took the world by storm with their saucy antics and innumerable shouts of "Girl Power!" The five stars go by the names Geri, Mel B, Emma, Victoria, and Mel C. They got together in 1994 and cut their first single a year later. Their album "Spice" hit the charts in early 1997 and stayed all year.

Sheryl Crow grew up in a rural community in Missouri. When she was about six years old, she discovered she could play the piano by ear. That was all it took. Before too long, that musical talent, combined with a fascination with the music of artists as diverse as the Rolling Stones and Billie Holiday, led Sheryl to pursue her music full time. Piano and organ became her instruments of choice. She picked up the guitar during her years of playing in rock bands in high school. She began to develop her songwriting skills early on, drawing from every aspect of her life. Her latest album "Sheryl Crow" spent over a year on the charts.



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The 11 songs on "This Fire," Paula Cole's top selling album, overflow with personal emotions and autobiographical details. As one critic said, "This Fire announces the arrival of a writer, singer, and musician of exceptional talent and power. It is filled with shockingly bold writing and singing that is gentle and whispering at one extreme of the pendulum and vicious at the other." Paula grew up in Rockport, a small Massachusetts town with a strong artistic influence.

"Tidal" is 10 timeless songs. This golden album by Fiona Apple spent more than a year on Billboard's bestselling chart. "My album is called 'Tidal' because all this success has hit me like a tidal wave, but also because tidal refers to ebbing and flowing and that's really what life is, a constant ebb and flow." Fiona cut a demo tape while she was in Los Angeles to spend time with her father and to finish high school. Back home in New York, one of the demos fell into the hands of a friend who baby-sat for a music industry executive. Fiona's friend gave the three-song demo to the executive who then played it for the producer Andrew Slater. The rest is history.





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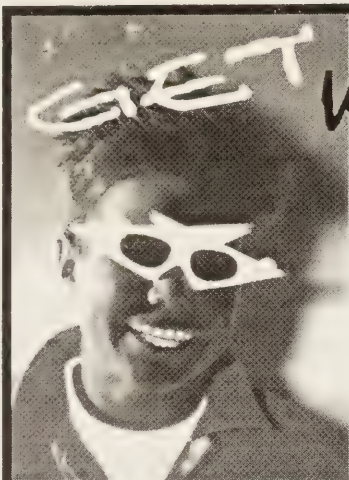
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Jewel began writing songs when she was 17. Now, at 23, she's a star. Her first album, "Pieces of You," was released in 1995 and became an instant and prolonged hit, spending well over a year on the top charts. She was raised in Alaska where she began performing at the age of five. Her junior and senior years in high school were spent at the Interlochen Fine Arts Academy in Michigan. She then went to San Diego, which she now calls home. However, Jewel makes a point of maintaining a solid connection to her roots in Homer, Alaska—she carries a container of genuine Alaskan dirt wherever she travels.

Shawn Colvin is a great folk-pop songwriter. She sings immaculately conceived melodies and writes about tricky matters of the head and heart. Colvin's debut more than 10 years ago won her a Grammy with "Steady On." But her new single "Sunny Came Home" is a bona fide hit. And her latest and best album, "A Few Small Repairs," was a mega-seller and stayed on the charts for more than a year.





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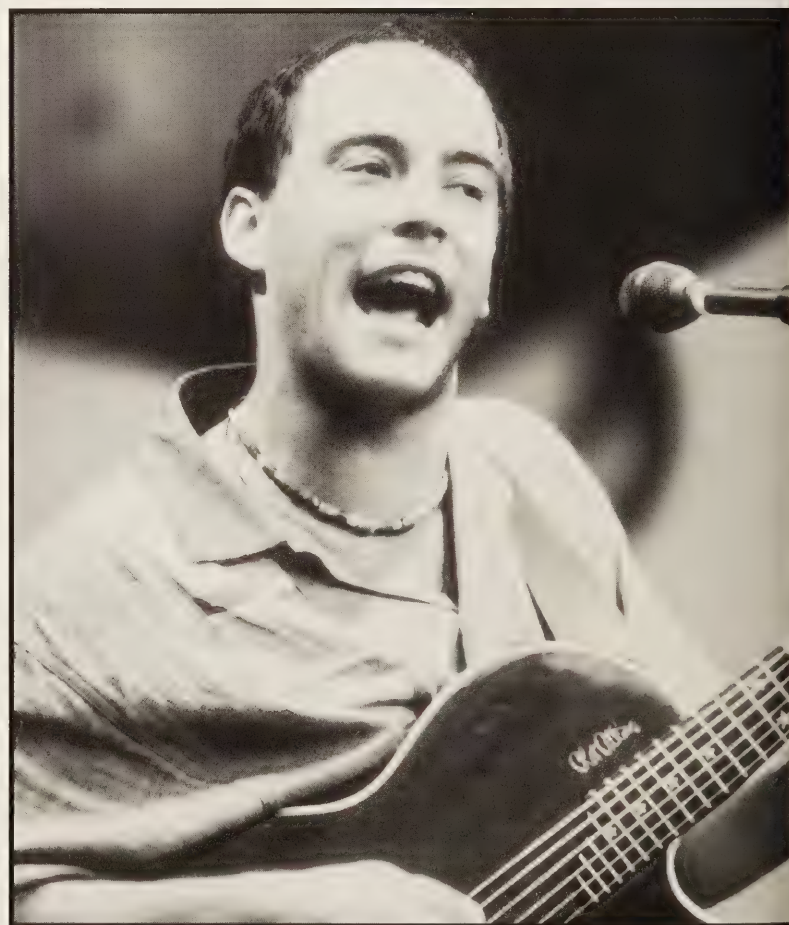
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Garth Brooks' entrance into the world of country music wasn't as easy as it looked. After graduating from Oklahoma State with a degree in advertising he headed for Nashville to follow in the footsteps of his musical hero, George Strait. His first efforts met with total failure. About two years later, he took another shot at it, appearing in an amateur talent showcase as a last-minute replacement. That was about 10 years ago. His recent concert in Central Park in New York City attracted hundreds of thousands of fans.

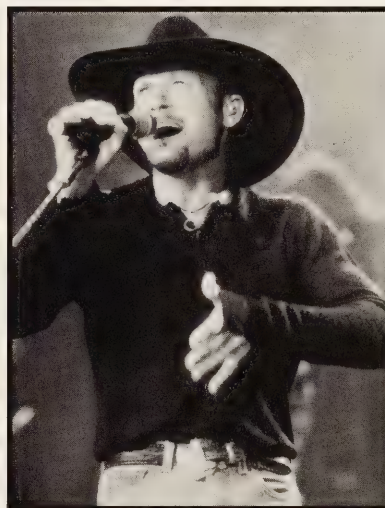
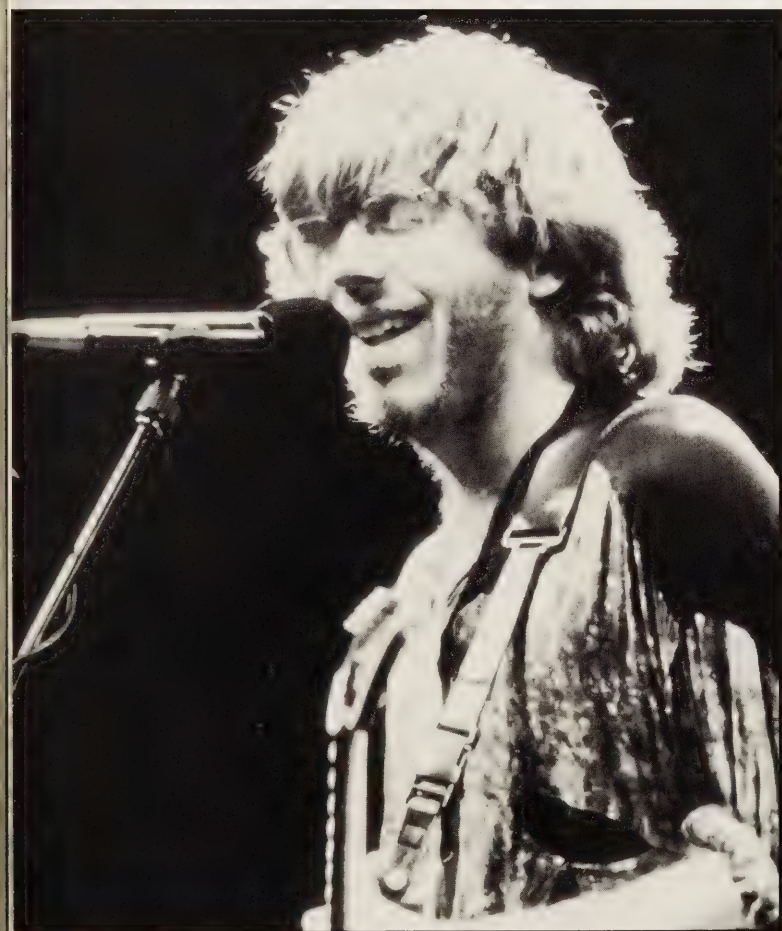


The Dave Mathews Band has demonstrated over the course of three albums and several years of extensive touring that it has staying power in the record charts. Combining elements of rock, jazz, funk, folk, and world beat, the group is soulful and subtle in its harmonies and rhythms. Dave Mathews was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and moved to Virginia about 10 years ago. He formed the group in 1990. They had intended to come up with a "proper" name for the group, but the name stuck before they had time to change it.





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Country star Tim McGraw, whose last two albums — "Not a Moment Too Soon" and "All I Want" — sold a combined 7 million copies, built his career on a heartbreak ballad. In the two years since "All I Want" hit the charts, McGraw became a millionaire, married country music's Faith Hill, had a daughter and gained respect as a producer. His fourth album, "Everywhere" reflects these changes in his life. The hit album chronicles a man in transition.

Phish has established an impressive reputation of tireless touring, dazzling improvisation and innovative rock and roll. And the Vermont-based quartet is the reigning "jam" bad in the land, boasting one of the most devoted followings in all of rock. The group was assembled at the University of Vermont by guitarists Trey Anastasio III and Jeff Holdsworth. One of their claims to fame was to have the ice cream mavens Ben & Jerry honor the group with its own flavor — Phish Food, a tantalizing combination of milk-chocolate ice cream, caramel, marsh-mallow swirls and fish-shaped chocolate chips.



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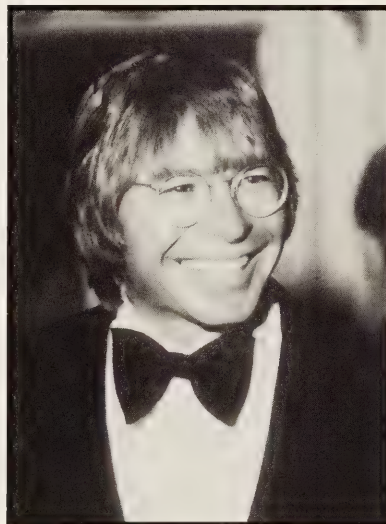
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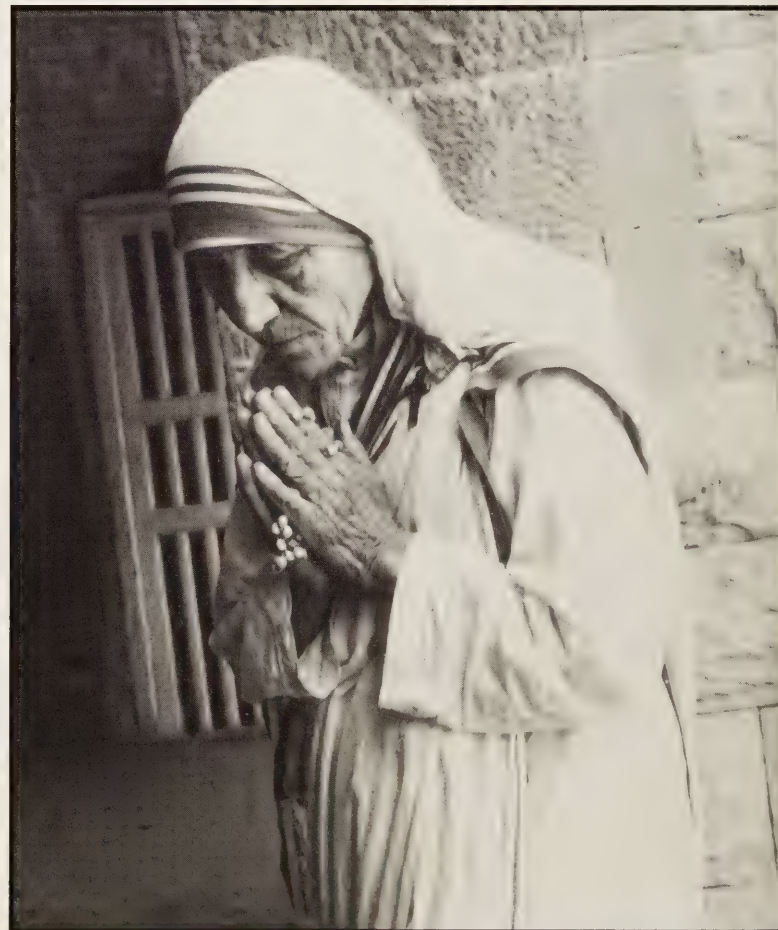
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John Denver, whose optimistic songs catapulted him to fame during the 1970's, died instantly when his experimental plane crash into Monterey Bay in California on October 12, 1997. The 53-year old singer had eight platinum records to his credit when his home-built plane crashed. "Rocky Mountain High" and "Sunshine on My Shoulder" were two of his trademark songs. "His music sprang from his feelings of love," said Hal Than, his longtime manager.



Mother Teresa was among the most well-known and highly respected women in the world in the later half of the twentieth century. In 1948 she founded a religious order of Roman Catholic nuns in Calcutta, India, that she called the Missionaries of Charity. Through this order, she dedicated her life to helping the poor, the sick, and the dying around the world, particularly those in India. Her selfless work with the needy brought her much acclaim and many awards, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She died at the age of 87 on September 5, 1997 of heart failure in at her convent in Calcutta.





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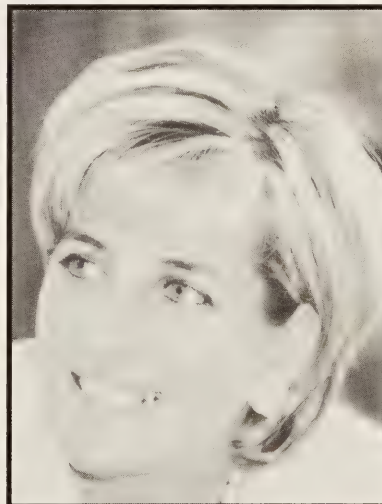
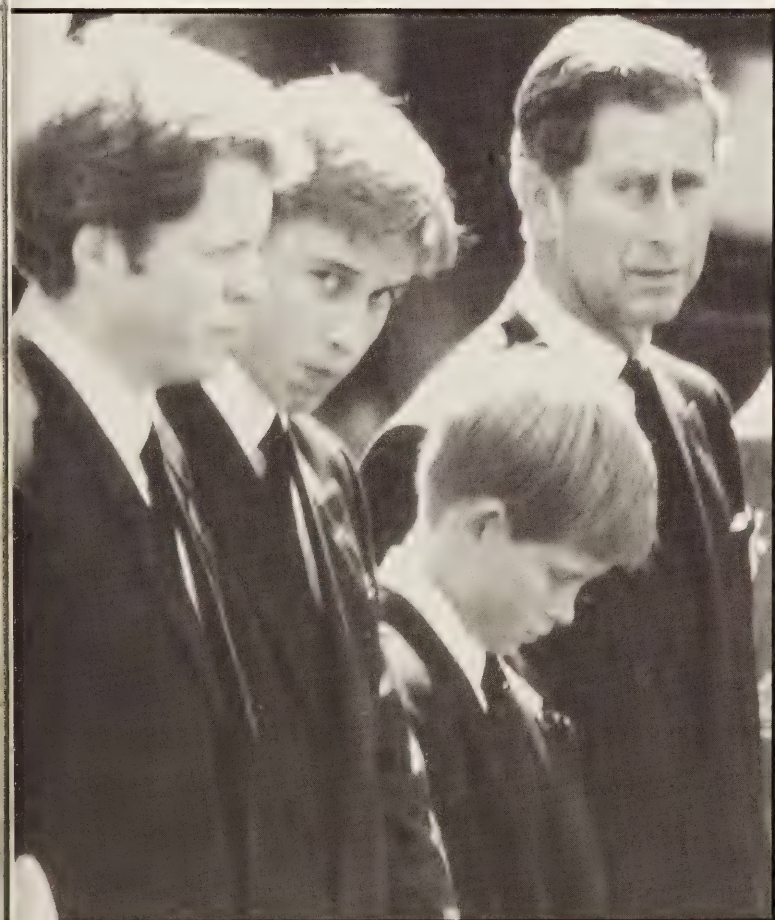
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It seems like just yesterday we were two little girls without a worry in the world. Now we're all grown up and may go our separate ways into the world. We share so many memories, that like our friendship, will last forever.

*I Love You Girl,  
 Bobbi*



Britain and the world bade farewell to Diana, Princess of Wales, on a sparkling September morning with a grand tribute rich in pageantry. Since her death in a car crash in Paris a week before, the country had witnessed an astonishing outpouring of grief that forced a repentant monarchy to join in the kind of full celebration of Diana's life that the millions of people who flooded into London demanded. Her sons, William, 15, and Harry, 12, stood in attendance, joined by their father, Prince Charles, and her brother, Earl Spencer, as the body was taken into Westminster Abbey. Millions packed the city for the funeral of Diana. It was a crowd unmatched since the end of World War II. More than a million bouquets by official count were stacked outside the royal palaces.



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President Bill Clinton was the first Democratic president in 60 years to be elected to a second term. A centrist New Democrat, he transformed his once beleaguered party. Under his presidency, the United States enjoyed the lowest rate of inflation since the early 1960's, and he was the first president in 17 years to submit a balanced budget to Congress. His vice president, Al Gore, was considered a very powerful vice president and was the president's closest adviser. The 49-year-old Gore was considered a favorite for the Democratic presidential nomination in the year 2000. However, a year after their re-election, both men were under close scrutiny for campaign finance violations.

The President's teenage daughter left home in September. Chelsea Clinton went off to college sine 3,000 miles from home., The 18-year old National Scholarship finalist accepted an offer from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Chelsea agonized between Stanford and Princeton right up until the weekend before she made her decision. Her Secret Service detail will try their best to make her stay as normal as possible.





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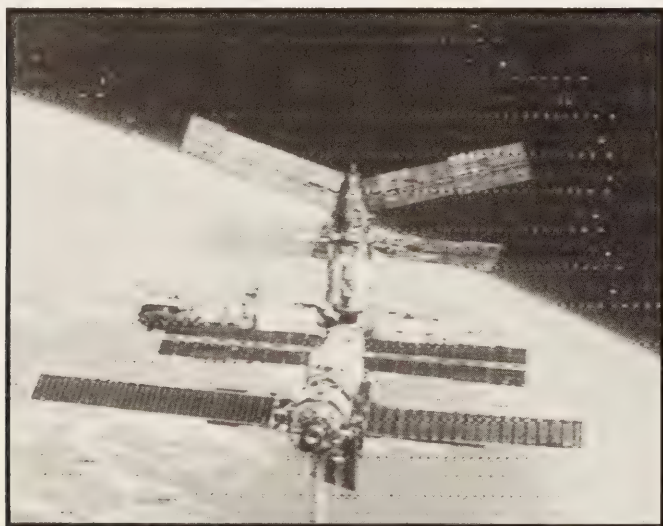
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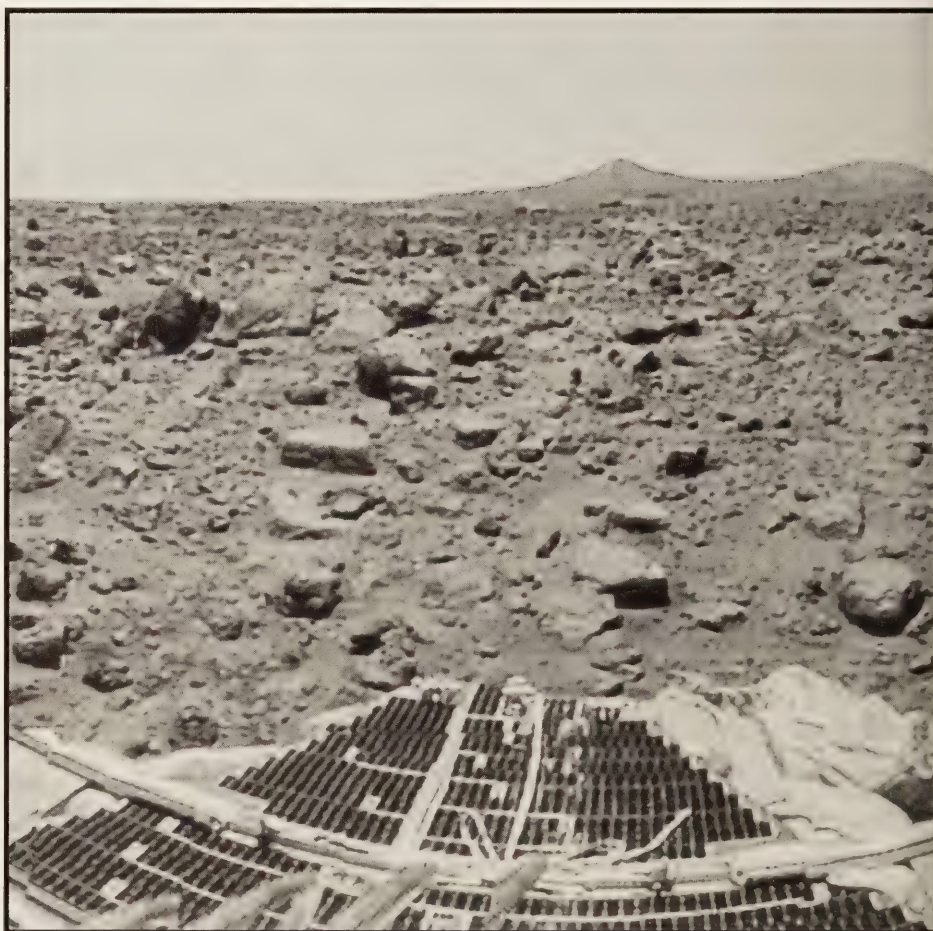
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The first component of the Mir space station was launched in 1986. It has made more than 60,000 trips around Earth. In 1994 the U.S. and Russia agreed to conduct joint missions aboard the station. A docking module was attached to Mir, allowing American space shuttles to link up with the Russian station. The main Mir Module—which provides living quarters for up to six people—has been orbiting for nearly 12 years. These joint U.S.- Russian missions are the first phase of a program to build an International Space Station. This station is scheduled to be in orbit by the year 2002.

The roving vehicle Sojourner, the first mobile explorer to land on another planet, landed on Mars in 1997 and gathered soil and rocks. Overcoming communications trouble and other setbacks, the Sojourner left the Mars Pathfinder landing craft. The robotic rover's six metal wheels rolled slowly down a ramp and came to a stop on the surface. The Sojourner, which was about the size of a microwave oven, began crawling around the surface of Mars, transmitting a flood of information to scientists back on Earth.





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United States Secretary of State Madeline K. Albright was the most visible and active Secretary of State since Henry Kissinger. She was the highest ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government, and she was admired and respected by diplomat corps. Previously, she served as President Clinton's ambassador to the United Nations and in foreign policy advisory positions for former President Jimmy Carter. The on-going troubles in the Middle East kept the 60-year-old diplomat busy from the day she was sworn-in to the top job at the State Department.

Attorney General Janet Reno was the first woman attorney general of the United States. She was first nominated by President Clinton in 1993, and she was appointed again in 1997. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Ms. Reno, 59, focused on the prevention of crime among the youth of the country and stressed early intervention to keep children away from gangs, drugs, and violence. Late in 1997 she unveiled an advertising campaign urging the nation's youth to become involved in neighborhood crime prevention and community service.



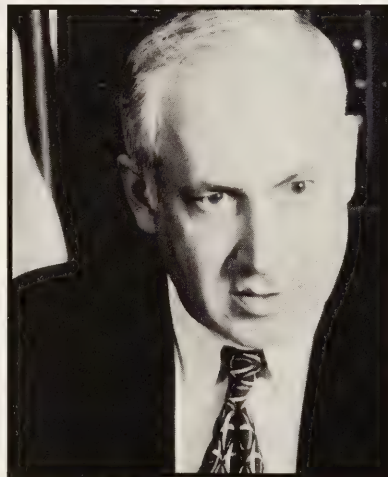
**Candid Camera** At a pep rally, Thomas Perrone gets footage for the video year-book. His job included everything from drama productions to pep rallies and big sporting events. Thomas caught performances by the cheerleaders, the Indianettes, and the Step team at the pep rallies. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



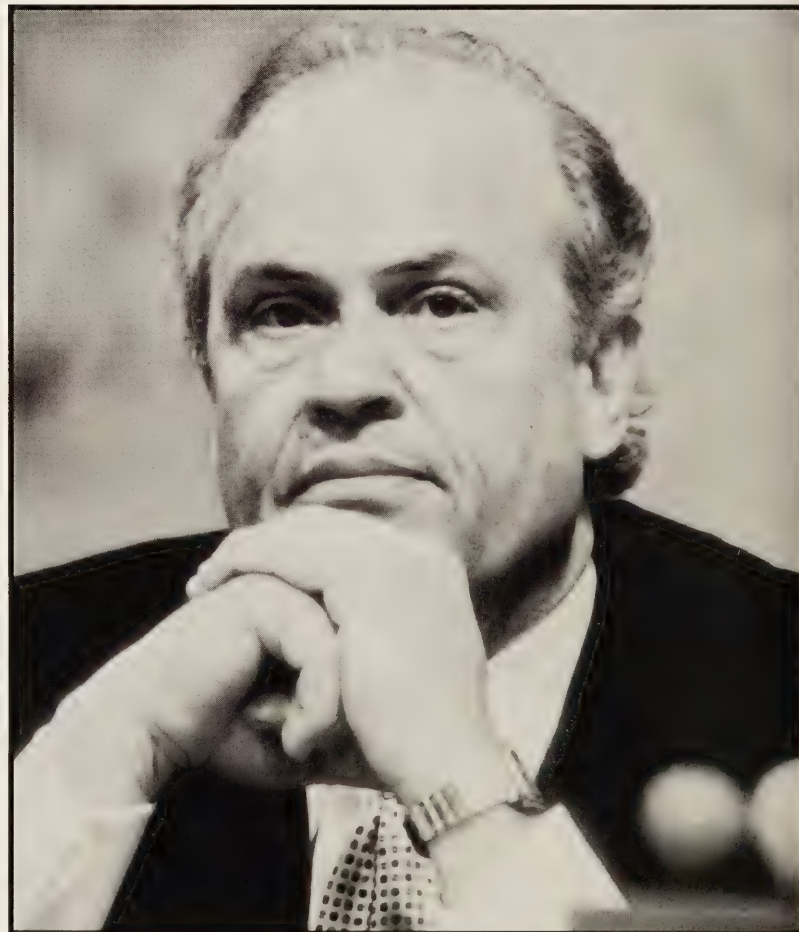
**Pep it up** The cheerleaders were relied upon to get the crowd fired up at a big game. At a girls basketball game, Darragh Copley, Genny Rankin, Melissa White, Angela Wilson, Courtney Blake, Jennie Tuscany and Kristin Dietz all work hard to keep both their spirit and the crowd's spirit going for the whole game. Stafford's cheerleaders used crowd-involvement cheers to get everyone going. *Photo by Rita Decatur*



Often called Israel's first American-style politician, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu steadfastly rejected the land-for-peace bargain with the Palestinians, which was the backbone of 1993 Oslo peace accords. In the wake of the hard-line stance, there were dozens of deaths by terrorism throughout Israel. In the summer of 1997, two suicide bombings in Jerusalem, claimed by the militant Muslim group Hamas, drove Netanyahu to halt peace proceedings indefinitely. At the age of 48, he was the youngest Israeli prime minister ever.



The U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee investigated alleged campaign fundraising abuses by Democrats in the 1996 Presidential campaign. The committee chairman was Sen. Fred Thompson, a Republican from Tennessee. The committee heard testimony from a wide variety of government officials and big-money political contributors. One of the key questions was the role of foreign money in politics—especially in the presidential campaign of President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. Political pressure was put on Attorney General Janet Reno to appoint an independent counsel to review whether the President of Vice President did anything illegal in raising money for the Democratic party.





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Yasser Arafat was chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and president of the Palestinian National Authority. He was one of the key leaders in trying to maintain peace in the Middle East. His 1993 handshake with Yitzhak Rabin promised mutual recognition between the Palestinians and the state of Israel. Under the agreement, Arafat assumed leadership of Arabs within Israel's occupied territories. The 68-year-old leader played a very important role in keeping peace in the Middle East.

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Well, we made it through another year. Great job everyone. This has been the best yearbook staff I have ever worked with in my seven years of producing yearbooks. I pushed them harder than I pushed them ever before and I think the book shows the hard work that was put in by all the staff members. I would like to thank the support and advice of my wife, Kathleen Hughes; my cohorts in the art department, Rachel Sigler and Holly Dittmarr, for putting up with all of the days I was stressing, and for trying to keep me sane and my blood pressure down; Aaron Austin for overseeing and helping out where needed; Sara Philpott for keeping the writers organized; Danielle King for pulling together all the portraits; Janean Neal and Kate Russell for advertising; Kim Murphy for organizing the sales and distribution of the book; Brian Koppel for all his extra help and work; Rita Stevens for all her hard work; Sean Farmer for all his wonderful stories; Dacia Goldman for her help with sports and clubs; Jeremy Conrad and Liz Kravetz for their wonderful photography; and Rita Botts for all her extra help with editing.

Thanks again to the entire staff,  
Mark Hughes / Advisor

Once again the Indian Legend has been completed. At times it seemed doubtful we would ever send out all of those deadlines, but of course, it has turned out beautifully. This yearbook has proved to be one of the best yearbooks (in my opinion) ever published by Stafford High School. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this yearbook what it is.

The photographers this year did a phenomenal job; not once did we have a shortage of pictures! I'd like to give a special thanks to Jeremy Conrad. The pictures he took and developed were of such high caliber I could hardly believe it was his first year as a photographer. Rita Stevens, Rita Botts, and Liz Kravetz were also hard working photographers with amazing skill.

Thanks to all of the writers. Every one of you kept the pictures interesting with those witty (and sometimes un-publishable!) comments. Andi Bordick, Sean Farmer, Oliver Goldman, Nicole Brors and Kristen Deitz worked hard all year - thanks guys!

A great thanks goes to Sara Philpott, our hard working copy editor. Thanks for pouring over what seemed like millions of stories and captions. Thanks to Rita Botts for editing all of those proofs. All of our editors; Danielle King, Dacia Goldman, Rita Stevens and Kim Murphy, worked hard all year completing all of that thankless, behind-the-scenes work. Thanks to Frankie for being so good at making everyone believe he worked so hard!

Most of all I'd like to thank the man who was the backbone of this yearbook: Mark Hughes. He did a job that few could handle. Throughout it all he kept smiling and laughing and his cheerful personality was always present! Even though he did have an occasional "stress day," we couldn't have done it without him. Thanks for everything Hughes! Just think... Hughes, a daddy? Whew! What a thought!

We all worked hard all year and what a great yearbook we have to show for it. I am so proud of all of us and I am so proud to say that this is our yearbook! Great Job Everyone!

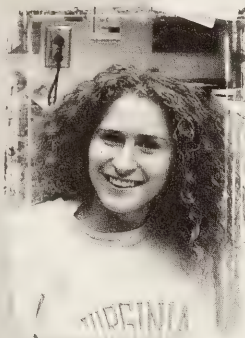
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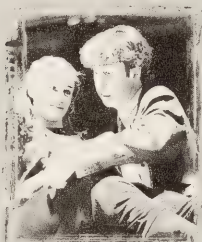
*"What character  
did you portray  
in the play?"*

*I was Lenni, a  
mistress of the  
lawyer Huld that  
seduced Joseph K.*  
~D.D. Bevan.



*I was the  
guard that  
informed K of  
his arrest.*  
~Nick Boeke.

*I was Miss Burstner,  
a woman who was a  
vagrant.*  
~Katie Carter.



*I was the  
Inspector for  
K's case.*  
~Zach Siefert.



**Look into my eyes.** Laura Baker gives the audience a speech. One of the first things the actors were taught were to look directly into the crowd and always make eye contact with them. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

**Bored out of her mind.** Actress Katie Carter looks for something to do while she waits upon a bed of bodies. Many actors took difficult jobs, including letting Katie sit on them, just to be in the play. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

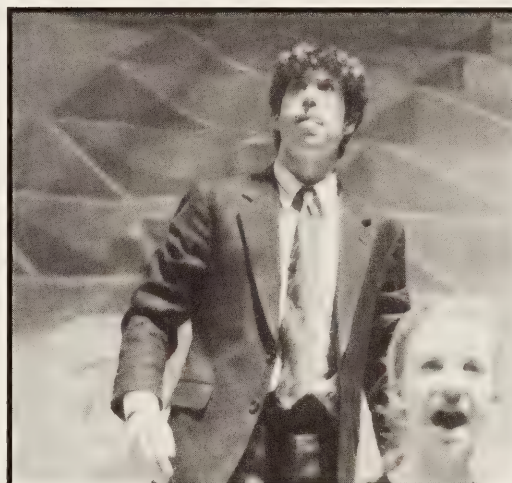




# The Trial

The Drama Club's hard work paid off as they won first place in the Virginia High School League Northwest region's 1 act play competition.

The Drama Club once again passed everyone's expectations but their own as they became the district and regional champions in the high school half an hour play. "It was great, the chance for us drama people to participate in something other than sports," said Katie Carter. The play was about a man put on trial for not living his life to the fullest. "The long practices were hard and the rehearsals were difficult but it finally paid off in the end," exclaimed Joshua Grigg. The play started before the winter break and had a total of 19 actors who worked hard everyday after school for about two months. In the end the club once again raised the standard for which all future plays to be held to. Story by *Oliver Goldman*.



Why can't she just be quiet for once!? Morgan Baker tries to think about something for a minute, but Kramer Thompson yells interrupts his thought process. Actors had to keep their train of thought even while other actors were screaming at the top of their lungs.

*Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



Where did you get a tie like that?

Lead actor Morgan Baker looks a little distressed while getting an earful from Scott Ramsburg. It was key to have body language while on stage to tell the audience how one feels without saying a word.

*Photo by Liz Kravetz.*



# What was the best part of dressing up as a girl?

"I really got in touch  
with my feminine  
side, it's a nice side.  
It was fun, but that  
make-up was hard to  
get off, and I still  
have nail polish on."  
~Matt Donaldson



"Makes me  
appreciate what  
women have to  
go through  
wearing high  
heels."  
~J.W. Boutchard

"The companionship  
of all the guys. We  
all helped each  
other out."  
~ Matt Kornioter



"It gives me  
more apprecia-  
tion for me  
being a guy. I  
love being a  
guy!"  
~Seth Bourne





Don't I just look beautiful? Thinking to himself, Danny Pyle puts the finishing touches on what would be an incredible evening. One of the highlights of the night involved Danny and Mr. John Agnew cavorting to the Riverdance theme like a group of silly school girls. Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.

opposite page bottom: **Sittin' Pretty** Proving that beauty isn't only on the inside, Alex Doyal prepares to undergo a makeup transformation. Many contestants put on makeup for the first time. Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.

# Great Googly Moogly

## The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Googa Mooga

was a place where boys could be... umm girls

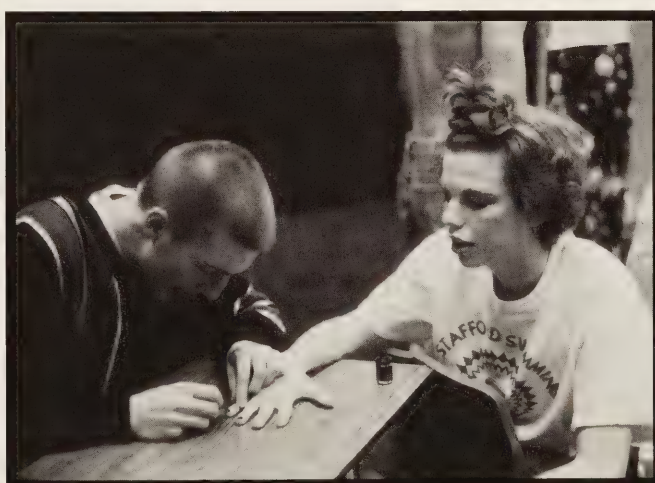
**"Just don't go near anything sharp or pointed"** Stuffing Sean Payne's bra as if it were a thanksgiving turkey, Amy Butler readies the contestant for the show. A lot of the participants found their bra sizes going up from a trainer to a double D. Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.

Even before the night started there was a sense of something feminine about all the men. Giving all the ladies introductions was John Agnew, master of ceremony who got a lot of laughs out of the crowd. What else got laughs were all the senior guys pretending they were girls. This long-held tradition brought people from far and wide to see such a sight. The contestants included those such as Miss Ida Lookin' Beautiful (Mike Crosnicker), Miss Lady N. Redd (Adam Dowling- winner of the ever versatile shoes), Miss Dee Meanor (Chris Kraus) and Miss Nurse Inspecta Rump (Billy Hayes). What has been recalled as one of the funniest points of the evening was when Danny Pyle (Miss Shirley Natso Flatley), was joined by John Agnew in his role as Lord of the Dance, while Danny danced as an Irish Riverdancer. Perhaps the loveliest lady of all was Coleman Tyson (Miss Wanda B. Necked). He came out as the winner and got much approval from the other contestants with pinches and kisses from all. Second runner up was Miss Anita President (J.W. Boutchard), maybe even more controversial than the evening itself. Miss Congeniality of the 1998 Miss Googa Mooga Beauty Pageant was Chris Weimer (Miss Dutches of Discipline). Overall the night was a complete success and a lot of fun for everyone. Story by Oliver Goldman and Carin Stoelker.



### The winner is...

Waiting for the final announcement, Mike Crosnicker, Matt Korniot, Seth Bourne, Morgan Baker, Curtis Calhoun, Adam Dowling, Billy Hayes, Alex Doyal, Danny Pyle, Mike Denning, Jonathan Catalano, Ryan Gorman, Matt Donaldson, and Ben Robinson hold their breath in anxiety. Coleman Tyson disappointed them all, becoming "Queen of Googa Mooga 98" as Miss Wanda B. Necked. Photo by Brian Koppel.



**Can you believe what he said?** Putting another coat of polish on Mike Crosnicker's nails, Andy talks about some juicy gossip while showing off his special skill. There were a lot of special talents that came out while preparing for the Googa Mooga. Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.



**Keeping an eye on the competition** Watching any sudden moves that Coleman Tyson might do to put him ahead of the field, Danny Pyle keeps his mascara-covered eyes on his/her opponent. Many beauty secrets were revealed backstage, some of which were passed on from earlier generations. Photo by Mary Curtis Smart.



# high school

## Memories in the Making



**Everyone Say "Cheese!"** Posing for a picture, students who went on the Spanish Club's summer trip to Spain huddle together for a picture. Members pictured are, bottom: Jessica Moore, Beth Schminke, Amy Parsons, Mike Shugart, Ashley Sisson, Kim Murphy, Courtney Berry, Jenny Witter, and Valerie Thompson, second row: Jamie Shugart, Chris Bowman, Danny Pyle, Jessie Cooley, Lin Thomas, Sarah Danzi, Deanna Wingerter, Jennifer Smith, Jamie Ennis, Meghan Greene, Jason McKnight, Shawn Mullins, and Shannon DiPeppi, third row: Ryan Graham, Kristina Gates, Beth Foshee, Joe, Amy Butler, and Leo Manster. *Photo by Dave Shugart.*

**Welcome!** Standing at the entrance to the Aspen Deaf Camp, Marie Lyddane makes friends with Zac, a camp participant. Marie took two years of American sign language at Stafford, and was therefore able to be a counselor at the camp over the Fourth of July. Zac was the camp director's son. *Photo by Chip Lyddane.*

Most will not remember their high school career as one defining moment, but rather a series of smaller events that created the whole. These memories were made up not of the words that were spoken, but of the laughs, the smiles, and the tears that were shared between friends; a scrapbook of smiles that would be treasured forever. As the graduation day grew near, many students found themselves reminiscing about their previous years. "Remember the time when we..." started many conversations among seniors. These times could shape a student's life years to come.

Many students took their time in high school for granted until it was over. "For as much as we complain about it, I'll never forget Stafford High School for the friends I've made over the years," said Ryan Gorman. Others had different events which they view as their best memories of high school. Jeremy Conrad said, "Senior year was a fluff schedule. I spent four periods a day in the art room with Hughes and Sigler. It doesn't get much better than that!" Both art and photojournalism students alike were familiar with the crazy things which take place in the art room.

Sports also created many memories, both for the participants and the spectators. As students and parents watched, field hockey claimed the district and regional

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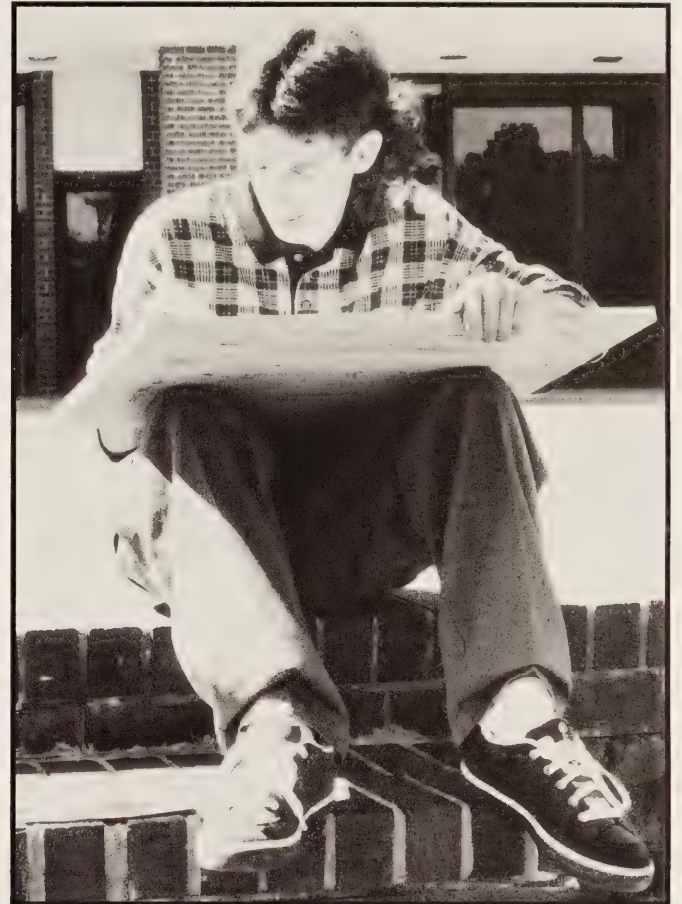






**Leading the Pack** Pulling away from the pack, Ben Whitford rounds the turn in the 1600 meter race as Carl Cabaniss follows at a close third. Ben placed third and Carl placed fourth in this event at the VMI Regional Track Meet. The boys' team placed seventh overall in the regional tournament. *Photo by Rita Decatur.*

**A Breath of Fresh Air** Sitting outside on a brick wall, Adam DeAngelo works on an art project. Often the art students were sent outdoors to render Stafford's infamous pond to the best of their abilities. This could provide students with a break from the normal assignments and let them breathe the fresh air. *Photo by Jeremy Conrad.*



**Wheeling Their Way To Freedom** Exiting the school, James Locklear and Kristen Crowley prepare to catch their bus. Handicapped students were permitted to leave class early to allow them time to catch their bus without being caught in the after-school traffic. *Photo by Derek Fults.*



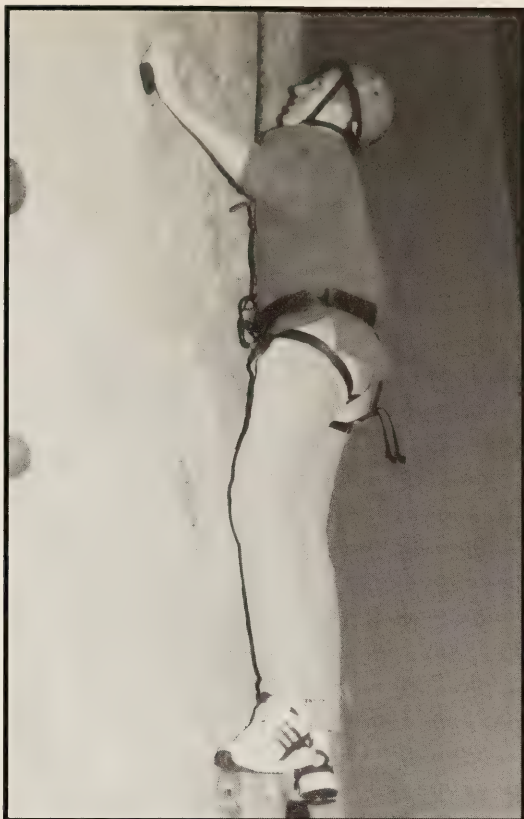


**Indians On the War Path** Watching the football game, Brandy Lauderman and Sarah Johnson socialize during halftime. Both were cheerleaders, Brandy was on JV and Sarah was on freshmen. Even when the cheerleaders didn't cheer at the games, they were still there for support. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

**Up, Up and Away!** Clearing the high jump bar, Edith Taylor participates in the regional track meet. Edith placed fourth in the high jump at the regional meet that was held at VMI. The girls' placed eighth overall in the meet. *Photo by Rita Decatur.*







**Scaling the Wall** Wearing a hard hat and harness, boys' JV basketball coach Matt Scrader scales the wall at Highlander Fitness. This event was part of bet he made with the girls' JV basketball coach Julie Hinkley. *Photo by Rita Decatur.*



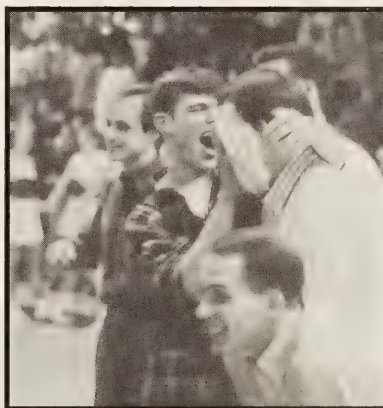
**All Decked Out** Sporting her annual skirt, the varsity girls' basketball assistant coach Jackie Davis makes her appearance at the Chancellor game. As far as her team is concerned, this skirt only comes out of Davis's closet once a year. But as the saying goes, if you look good you feel good, if you feel good, you coach good. *Photo by Rita Decatur.*

**Smile For the Camera** Members of the girls' freshman, JV, and varsity basketball teams pose for a picture after practice. Pictured are, bottom row: Kari Fredette, Angela Feindt, Laurie Cooney, Erika Havasy, Kelsey Atkinson, Colleen Cooney, Amy Cascio, and Megan Hanson, second row: Corey Norbutus, Betsy Decatur, Karen Zwala, Amanda Lee, and Bobbi Decatur. *Photo by Rita Decatur.*



titles, boys' and girls' cross country won the district title and, girls' tennis won the districts during the fall season. During the winter the girls' basketball triumphed in both the district and regional tournaments, swimming claimed the district title, and gymnastics won the regional meet. The victories and the defeats the athletes experienced helped them later in life.

The students at Stafford realized that to make it through high school they had to have a positive outlook. "Life is made up of numerous experiences that are both positive and negative. However, in each experience, if you are aware of where you are within it, and learn from it, then you've made it positive somehow. That is the way I will remember Stafford, as a positive life experience," said Mary Smart. *Story by Sara Philpott.*



**Sweet Revenge** Grinning in triumph, Matt Korniotos smashes a pie in Brian Driver's face as Bobby Jett and Rich Moncrief wait their turn. This event was part of a pep rally. Lucky students who were chosen from the crowd got the chance to pie the teacher of their choice. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

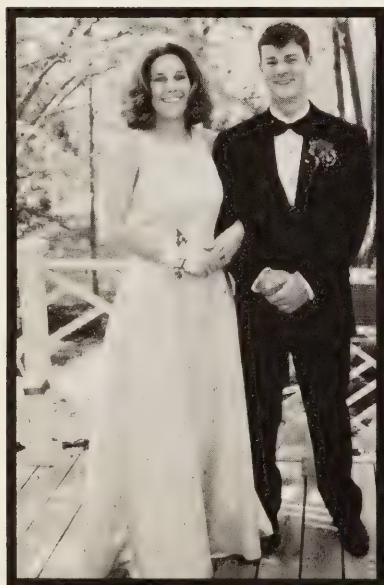


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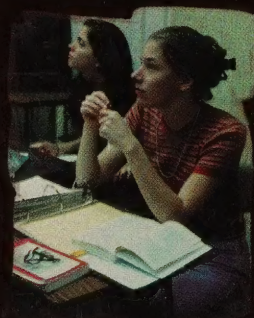


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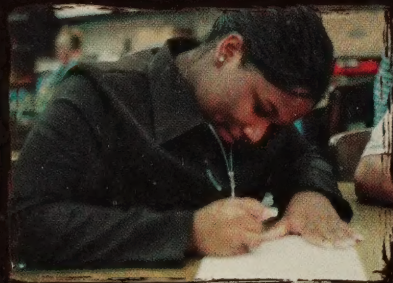


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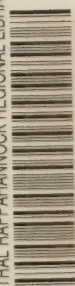


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